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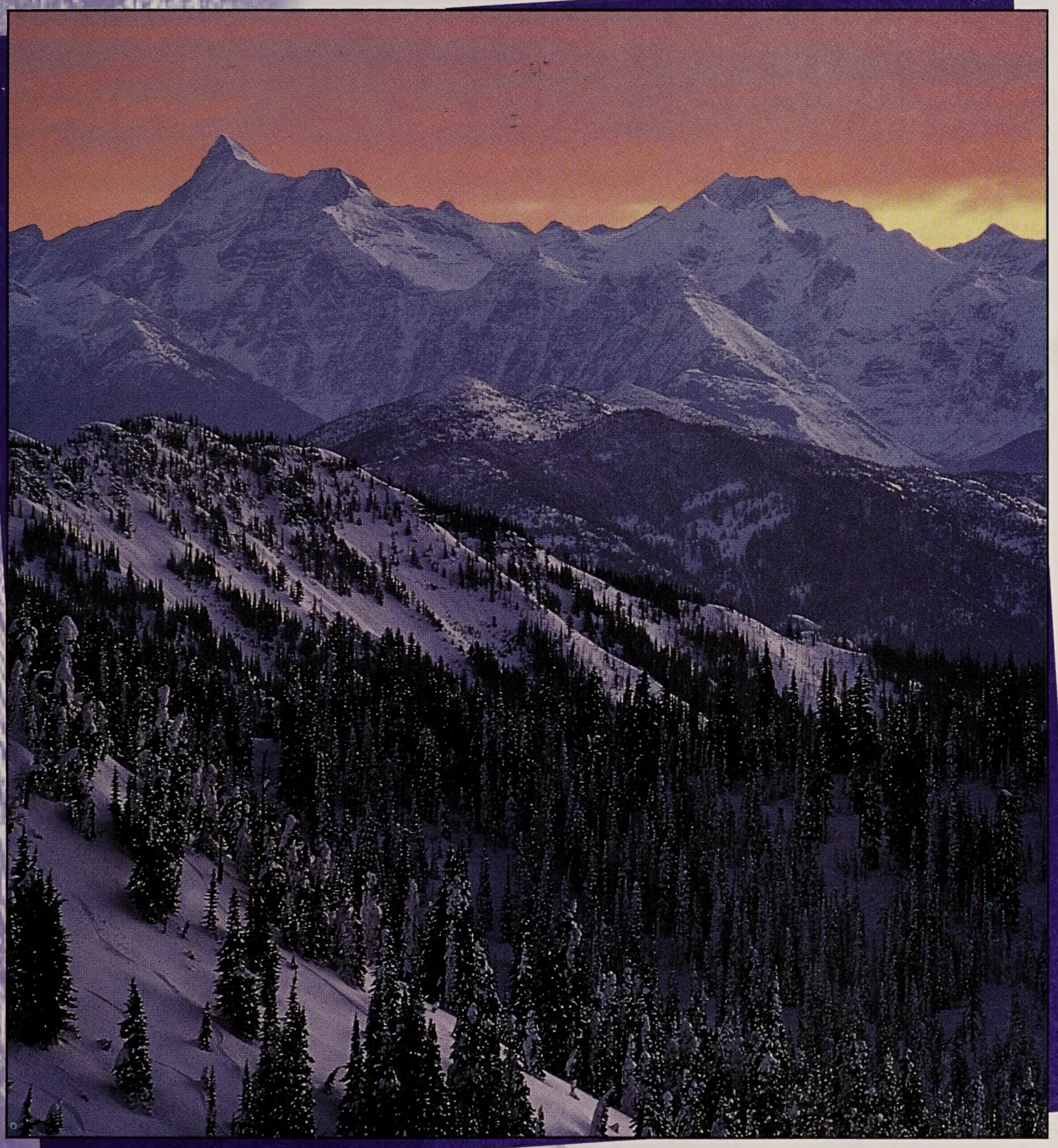

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SCOTT SPIKER

Hibernate when the snow comes to Montana? Never! There's too much to enjoy! Montana has the best of winter—plentiful and reliable snow, magnificent mountains, watchable wildlife, a healthy dose of Western hospitality, and, of course, some of the best skiing and snowmobiling in the world. When you come to Montana, you'll get a fresh perspective on winter recreation. Without crowds. Without hassles. Without outrageous prices. So all you have left are the good things. Powder perfect snow. Brilliant blue sky. Easy access. Friendly faces. It's winter made perfect.

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DOWNHILL

LONNIE BALL

SCOTT SPIKER

Leave the crowds behind and ski Montana. Through dry, perfect powder. Over challenging moguls. Down thrilling chutes. Or, take a calmer route, along a cruising trail or gentle slope. In Montana, you set your own pace.

Our 14 ski areas range from world-class destination resorts with all the amenities to classic day-use areas that make you feel like family. The quality and quantity of Montana's skiable terrain compares with the best in the West.

M. D. COLEMAN

All of our resorts and day-use areas welcome families, and many provide day care and all-day ski camps. We have expert, friendly ski instructors who turn tiny tots into skillful skiers—and who make sure the kids have a whole lot of fun along the way.

Snowboarders and telemarkers are welcome, too. It's uncommon variety. It's Montana.

We spice up the skiing with ongoing celebrations such as torchlight parades, winter and spring carnivals, downhill races, and just-for-fun events like snowboard races, skolf tournaments and snow dances.

If your idea of great skiing is long runs and short lift lines, lots of perfect powder and sunny days, sensible prices and superb service, it's time to ski Montana!

WILL BREWSTER / BIG SKY RESORT

BOB ALLEN

Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort

Base Elevation
4,700 ft.

Top Elevation
7,000 ft.

Vertical Drop
2,300 ft.

Longest Run
2.5 miles

Lift Capacity
11,684 skiers/hr.

Annual Snowfall
(avg.) 300 in.

SCOTT SPIKER

3 days skiing/3 nights lodging starts at

$177

(value season)
per person, double occupancy.

Deluxe lodging starts at $222 per person, double occupancy.

Rates do not include applicable taxes.

American meal plan packages available in some lodges.

Other packages available, too.

Whether you've never skied a day in your life, or are looking for deep powder bowls and steep terrain, you'll love The Big Mountain with the dramatic beauty of Glacier National Park as a backdrop.

Location: The Big Mountain is in northwest Montana just eight miles north of Whitefish and 23 miles north of Kalispell.

Getting Here: The area is easily accessed on Amtrak's Empire Builder daily into Whitefish from east and west. Delta, Northwest and Horizon Air fly daily into Glacier Park International Airport (FCA) just 19 miles from our slopes. Transfers from the airport and train depot are available with confirmed reservations. Rental cars and taxis are available.

Season: November 24-April 16 (late November to mid-April). Open daily 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Night skiing mid-December through March, Wednesday through Sunday 4:30 PM-10 PM.

Trails and Slopes: 61 marked runs and unlimited tree skiing on 3,000 acres in the Flathead National Forest. 25% beginner, 55% intermediate, 20% advanced. Snowboarders, telemark and mono-skiers are welcome.

Lifts and Rates: Nine lifts including a high-speed detachable quad chairlift with gondolas for evening and summer. One fixed-grip quad, four triple chairs, one double chair, T-bar and platter lift. Adult $35, Junior (13-18) $27, Senior (62+) $27, Child (7-12) $19. All ages night skiing $10. Children six and younger ski free. Multi-day and special group rates available.

Rentals and Sales: Adult (skis, boots, poles) start at $15/day. High performance equipment, snowboards and Nordic equipment available to rent. Several ski shops offer clothing and equipment.

Ski Instruction: PSIA started at The Big Mountain. Two-hour group lesson $22. One-hour private lesson $50. Adult first-timer half-day lesson and lift $20. Also skill-builder packages, snowboard, Telemark and cross-country lessons. Weekly specialty clinics.

Adaptive Ski Program: DREAM is an adaptive ski program for people with special needs (see page 14).

Food and Drink: The Big Mountain Alpine Village has a variety of restaurants and casinos. The Summit House features panoramic views of Glacier National Park.

Lodging: The Big Mountain Alpine Village provides ski-in/ski-out lodging at six properties for up to 1,500 guests. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

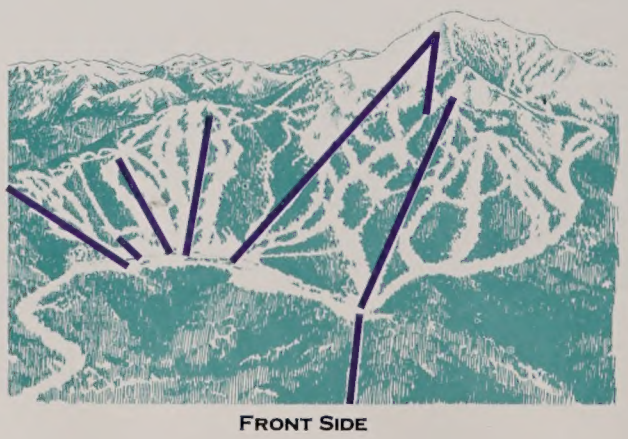
Cross-Country: The Big Mountain Nordic Center 9.5 km with cross-country equipment rental. Located near the Outpost Ski Shop.

Just for Kids: Big Mountain offers day care, kid's ski school and free skiing for children under six.

Events: Doug Smith Western Region Downhill Series, 36th Annual Whitefish Winter Carnival and Grape Expectations Wine and Food Festival. Free mountain tours daily with Big Mountain Hosts and Ski School, snow-cat skiing. Clydesdale-drawn sleigh rides, sleigh ride dinners at the Old West Roadhouse, scenic Summit House dinners, dog sledding, snowmobiling and guided cross-country ski tours to Glacier National Park.

Bonus: Whitefish and Kalispell offer special dining and cultural opportunities, as well as antique shopping. Those who enjoy winter lake sports will want to visit fun-loving Whitefish. Nearby Glacier National Park has over one million acres of winter scenery for cross-country skiers.

For more information:
The Big Mountain
P.O. Box 1400
Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-1900 in Montana
Lodging reservations 800-858-5439
nationwide and Canada



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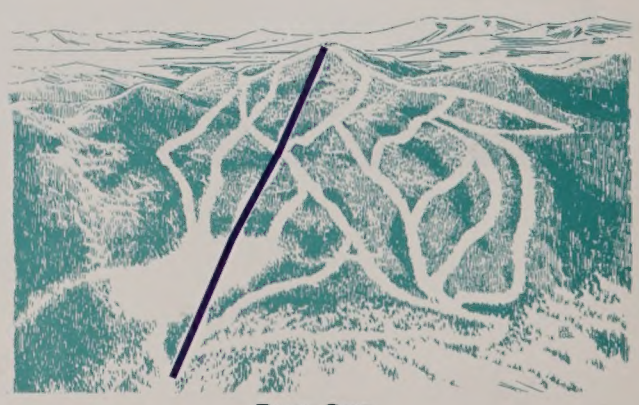
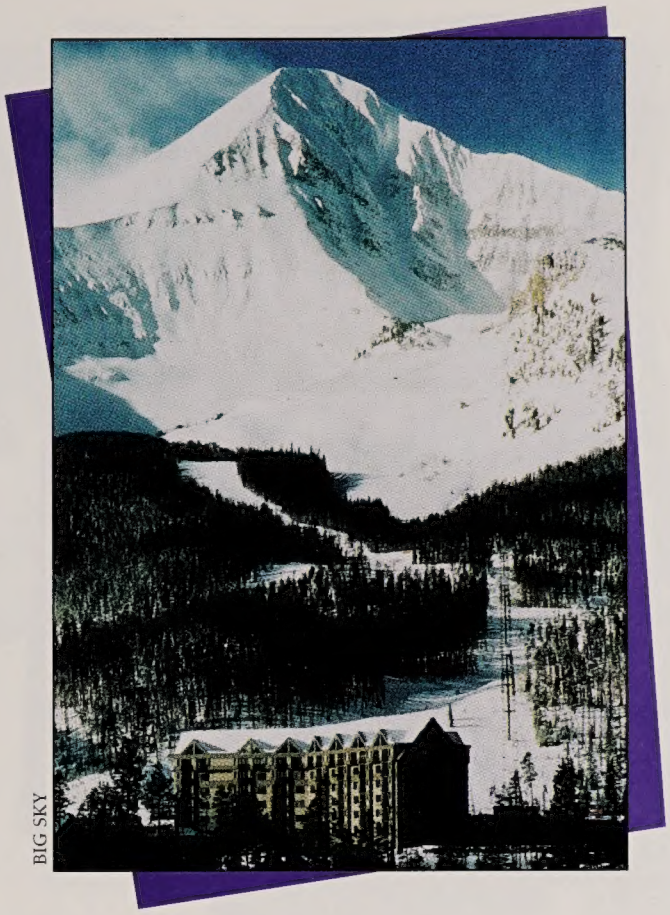


Back Side

Big Sky Ski & Summer Resort

Base Elevation	6,970 ft.
Top Elevation	10,000 ft.
Vertical Drop	3,030 ft.
Longest Run	3 miles
Lift Capacity	12,030 skiers/hr.
Annual Snowfall	(avg.) 400 in.


BIG SKY

Great Ski Weeks Special
4 nights in Huntley Lodge, 3 days of skiing starts at

$212

per person double occupancy. Includes breakfast daily and special programs.

Valid December 2-25, 1994, and April 1-16, 1995.

Call 800-548-4486.

From the bighorn sheep at the entrance to the friendly local folks, Big Sky is memorable. When you see the majestic peaks, rushing rivers and fine amenities, you'll know you've chosen the best Montana has to offer.

Location: In the Gallatin Canyon, 43 miles south of Bozeman on U.S. Highway 191, and 18 miles north of Yellowstone National Park.

Getting Here: Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest provide daily full-sized jet service to Bozeman. Shuttles meet most major flights. Rental cars and taxis are available.

Season: Mid-November to mid-April. Open daily 9 AM to 4 PM.

Trails and Slopes: Two mountains with 55 trails on more than 2,100 acres. 16% beginner, 44% intermediate, 40% expert. Snowmaking capability.

Lifts and Rates: Two new high-speed detachable quads, two high-speed detachable four-passenger enclosed gondolas, two double chairs, two triple chairs, one new standard quad chair and three surface tows. Adult $38 (rates subject to change), children 10 and younger ski free, two per paying adult.

Rentals and Sales: $20 Adult, $14 Child/day (rates subject to change). High-performance equipment is also available at Big Sky's three ski shops. Discounts available for three or more consecutive day rentals at Big Sky Sports Rental & Repair. Snowboarding equipment available.

Ski Instruction: Two-hour group lesson $22. Beginner ski package for first-timers includes rental equipment, lesson and rope tow tickets $32, Adult or Child. Snowboarding lessons available.

Food and Drink: Fifteen restaurants and 11 night spots are in the area. Gourmet sleigh-ride dinners, dancing and lighthearted poker games (poker is legal in Montana) are just a few of the "extras" that make Big Sky memorable.

Lodging: In addition to slopeside lodging, Mountain Village and Meadow Village provide more than 1,000 rooms and condominium units for all tastes and budgets. The villages are six miles apart and there are regular shuttles between both villages and the ski area. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

Cross-Country: Nearby Lone Mountain Ranch is a world-class Nordic resort. There are also daily shuttles to Yellowstone National Park for cross-country skiing and wildlife watching.

Just for Kids: Children's Ski Day Camp combines activities, healthy meals and skill improvement for ages five to fourteen $35/day. Ski Mini-Camp for four- through six-year olds $55/day.

Events: Medical seminars and ski club groups throughout the winter, Winter Carnival second weekend in January, Dirt Bag Ball late February.

Bonus: Yellowstone National Park is a winter paradise for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Bozeman, a university town, features the Museum of the Rockies, great ethnic and American dining, as well as unique shops and galleries.

For more information:
Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort
P.O. Box 160001
Big Sky, MT 59716
800-548-4486 nationwide and Canada
406-995-5000 in Montana
Fax 406-995-5001
Snow conditions 406-995-5900

Bridger Bowl

Base Elevation
6,100 ft.

Top Elevation
8,100 ft.

Vertical Drop
2,000 ft.

Longest Run
2.5 miles

Lift Capacity
5,100 skiers/hr.

Annual Snowfall
(avg.) 400 in.

LONNIE BALL

3 days skiing/3 nights lodging starts at

$100

per person quad occupancy.

$130

per person double occupancy.

Several packages available with a variety of motels, condos, private homes and bed & breakfast inns from which to choose.

Explore a big mountain with short lift lines, long runs and wide open spaces. Whatever your style—downhill skiing, telemarking or snowboarding—Bridger is world-class at low prices!

Location: 16 miles northeast of Bozeman.

Getting Here: Fly into Bozeman on Delta, Horizon Air or Northwest. Car rental and daily shuttle bus.

Season: December 10 through April 2. Open daily 9 AM to 4 PM.

Trails and Slopes: Our state-of-the-art "mogul-cutter" grooming equipment provides intermediate and advanced skiers with smooth runs through fields of moguls. More than 50 named runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails and groomed slopes on 2,000 acres in the Gallatin National Forest. Bridger's infamous "ridge" provides nearly 400 additional acres with over 500 vertical feet of skiing for the adventurous expert willing to hike. Nearly one-third of Bridger's 800 acres of lift-accessible skiing terrain is groomed. Snowmaking on lower slopes.

Lifts and Rates: Adult $25, Child $10, Senior $16.

Rentals and Sales: Complete rental packages start at $14/day. Two sales and rental shops on the mountain and equipment sales and rentals in Bozeman.

Ski Instruction: Downhill, telemark and snowboarding group lessons $20 (approximately two hours), private lessons $45/hour. PSIA-certified instructors.

Adaptive Ski Program: Eagle Ski offers ski instruction and special equipment for those with special needs (see page 14).

Food and Drink: Base lodge has a cafeteria, full-service bar & grill, sandwich shop and beer stube. The mid-mountain chalet offers food service, beer and wine.

Lodging: Some lodging is available at Bridger. Accommodations for all budgets are available in Bozeman. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

Just for Kids: Expanded day care for ages six months to six years: $20/half-day, $35/full-day. Children two years and younger require reservations. "First Tracks" ski program option for ages four to six years; package includes lesson, lunch, rental and lift ticket. Half-day $35, full-day (9:00-4:30) $45.

Events: Torchlight parade December 30, Bridger Bowl's birthday party January 13, Powder 8s competition February 5, Wild West Shred O' Fest snowboard competition February 25 and 26, Molson's Ski Challenge March 4, Bridger Bowl Bump-Off Freestyle Competition March 19, Pinhead Classic costume telemark race March 25, Tour De Ski weekend March 25 and 26, Double Pole, Pad and Pedal downhill, cross-country, run and cycle event April 2. Some events may change.

Bonus: Small-town coziness plus university town sophistication. The January 1994 issue of *Ski Magazine* named Bozeman the third best ski town in the United States!

For more information:
Bridger Bowl Ski Area
15795 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
For reservations 800-223-9609
nationwide and Canada or 406-587-2111
Snowphone 406-586-2389

Discovery Basin/Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Base Elevation

6,850 ft.

Top Elevation

8,150 ft.

Vertical Drop

1,300 ft.

Longest Run

2 miles

Lift Capacity

3,400 skiers/hr.

Annual Snowfall

(avg.) 200 in.

DISCOVERY BASIN

WAYNE SCHERR

Two days skiing/two nights lodging

$105

per person double occupancy.

Includes four water slide passes. 800-332-3272 in Montana or 800-443-2381 outside Montana.

After a day on the slopes at Discovery Basin, relax in the soaking pools or swim in the two Olympic-sized pools filled with Fairmont's naturally hot spring water. You'll also enjoy a ride on the 350-foot water slide!

Location: Discovery is 32 miles west of Fairmont, 20 miles west of Anaconda and 45 miles west of Butte on Montana Highway 1 off Interstate 90.

Getting Here: Fly Skywest (the Delta connection) or Horizon Air into Butte. Rental cars, taxi and airport shuttle available to and from Fairmont on request.

Season: Thanksgiving through Easter. Open daily 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

Trails and Slopes: 32 runs with 360 acres of skiing in the Deerlodge National Forest. 33% novice, 33% intermediate, 33% expert.

Lifts and Rates: One triple chairlift, three double chairlifts, one pony lift. Adult $20, Child (12 and younger) and Senior $10. Half-day (begins at 12:30) $15. Inquire about special group rates. All major credit cards accepted.

Rentals and Sales: Downhill and cross-country complete package $13/day. Snowboards $20/day. Performance skis $22/day. Ski accessories and gifts are available at Noel's Sport Shop.

Ski Instruction: All-day group lesson $20, half-day $12, private lesson $25/hour.

Food and Drink: Fairmont has a coffee shop, dining room, casino and lounge with dancing and live entertainment. Discovery offers a cafeteria with homemade soups and baked desserts. The bar has delicious hot drinks and imported beers.

Cross-Country: 5 km groomed trails, many more ungroomed miles of trails. Rentals and lessons are available.

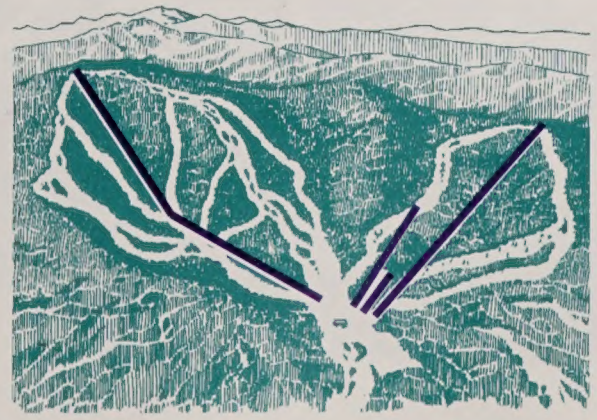
Lodging: Enjoy the well-appointed rooms and condominiums of Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

Just for Kids: Kinderski for ages three to six, with lots of one-on-one attention. Kidcruisers for ages five through nine, focuses on parallel skiing and more difficult runs. Ski Team with three different groups to help hone skills of future racers.

Events: Winternational's John Molish Memorial Ski Race for Boys and Girls and Freestyle for kids and adults in March, Pepsi Family Race late February. Northern Division Slalom & G.S. Kids Race in March.

Bonus: Visit the World Museum of Mining and the Mineral Museum in Butte or take a step back in time in Anaconda, another historic mining town.

For more information:
Discovery Ski Corporation
P.O. Box 221
Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2184
Lodging and package information
Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
1500 Fairmont Road
Anaconda, MT 59711
800-332-3272 in Montana
800-443-2381 outside Montana



South Face

Limelight

Great Divide

Base Elevation
5,900 ft.

Top Elevation
7,230 ft.

Vertical Drop
1,330 ft.

Longest Run
3 miles

Lift Capacity
2,300 skiers/hr.

Annual Snowfall
(avg.) 150 in.

GREAT DIVIDE

Weekend Packages
Two days skiing/Two nights lodging starts at

$80 and up

per person double occupancy.

Several packages available with a variety of motels, condos, private homes and bed & breakfast inns from which to choose.

Great skiing value! More than 50 runs, two open bowls and the Summit Snowfields at a very reasonable price.

Location: Between Great Falls and Helena. 22 miles from Helena. 95 miles from Great Falls.

Getting Here: Fly into Great Falls or Helena. Take Interstate 15, exit 200, then go west on Highway 279 to Marysville Road.

Season: Mid-December to early April. Open daily except Tuesday. Night skiing Thursday through Saturday.

Trails & Slopes: More than 50 designated trails plus Belmont Bowl, Sunshine Bowl and the Summit Snowfields on 700-plus acres. 15% novice, 30% intermediate, 40% advanced, 15% expert-only.

Lifts and Rates: Three double chairs. Adult $18, Child $10, Senior $10. Rate reductions at noon, 2 PM and 4 PM. Five years and younger ski free with adult. All daytime tickets good for night skiing, too. Monday and Wednesday ski all day for $10.

Rentals and Sales: Montana's largest ski-rental operation. Standard equipment $12/day, $10 child and senior. Snowboards $18/day. SledDog boot skis $10/day. Rate reductions at noon, 2 PM and 4 PM. Alpine Outfitters offers ski equipment and clothing for sale.

Ski Instruction: Free entry-level instruction for age seven and older daily at 10 AM and 1 PM. Private lesson $20/hour; your invited guests $5/hour each.

Food and Drink: Cafeteria in base lodge. The Continental Club restaurant and bar serves gourmet cuisine Thursday through Saturday.

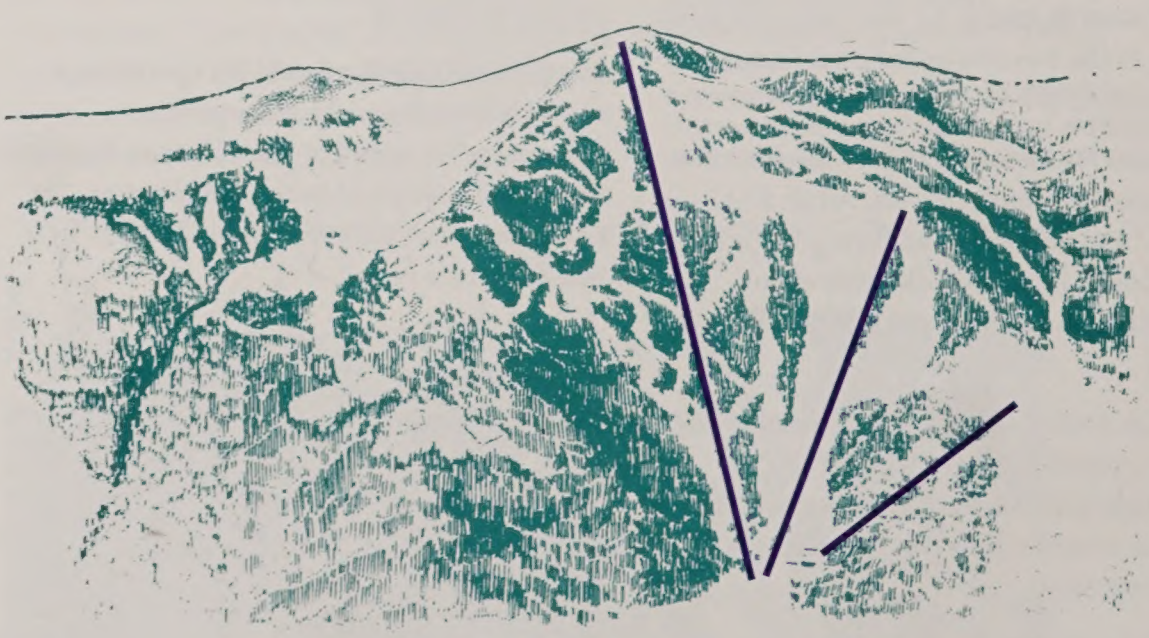
Lodging: Nearby Helena offers a full range of lodging opportunities. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

Just for Kids: KIDSKI for ages four through six 1 PM to 3 PM daily $25. Includes snacks and ski rental. Five years and younger ski free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Events: Free citizen racing Thursday nights, Saturday and Sunday; torchlight parade, New Year's Eve.

Bonus: One mile to Marysville, a rejuvinated Montana ghost town. You'll also enjoy the turn-of-the-century charm of nearby Helena. Visit the Montana Historical Society Museum and enjoy restaurants and lodging in Montana's capital city.

For more information:
Great Divide
P.O. Box SKI
Marysville, MT 59640
406-449-3746
FAX 406-443-0540



Lost Trail Powder Mountain

Base Elevation
6,600 ft.

Top Elevation
7,800 ft.

Vertical Drop
1,200 ft.

Longest Run
2.5 miles

Lift Capacity
1,925 skiers/hr.

Annual Snowfall
(avg.) 300 in.

STEVE SLOCOMB

Two days skiing/two nights lodging Thursday and Friday special

$65

per person double occupancy. Breakfast included.

Weekends and holidays $80. Available at Camp Creek Inn 800-351-3508 and at Lost Trail Hot Springs 800-825-3574.

LOST TRAIL HOT SPRINGS

Well-known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions. Escape to Lost Trail, in the breathtaking Bitterroot Mountain Range.

Location: 90 miles south of Missoula at the Montana-Idaho border on U.S. Highway 93.

Getting Here: Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest fly into Missoula.

Season: December to April. Open 9:30 AM to 4 PM Thursday through Sunday and holidays.

Trails and Slopes: Eighteen runs and trails. 20% beginner, 60% intermediate, 20% advanced, all in the Bitterroot National Forest.

Lifts and Rates: Two double chairlifts, two rope tows. Adult $16, Child (12 and younger) $8, half-day Adult $12, half-day Child $6. Rope tow $3. Children five and younger ski free.

Rentals and Sales: Downhill package $10/day.

Ski Instruction: Private lesson $22/hour. Inquire about group and first-timer rates. PSIA-certified instructors.

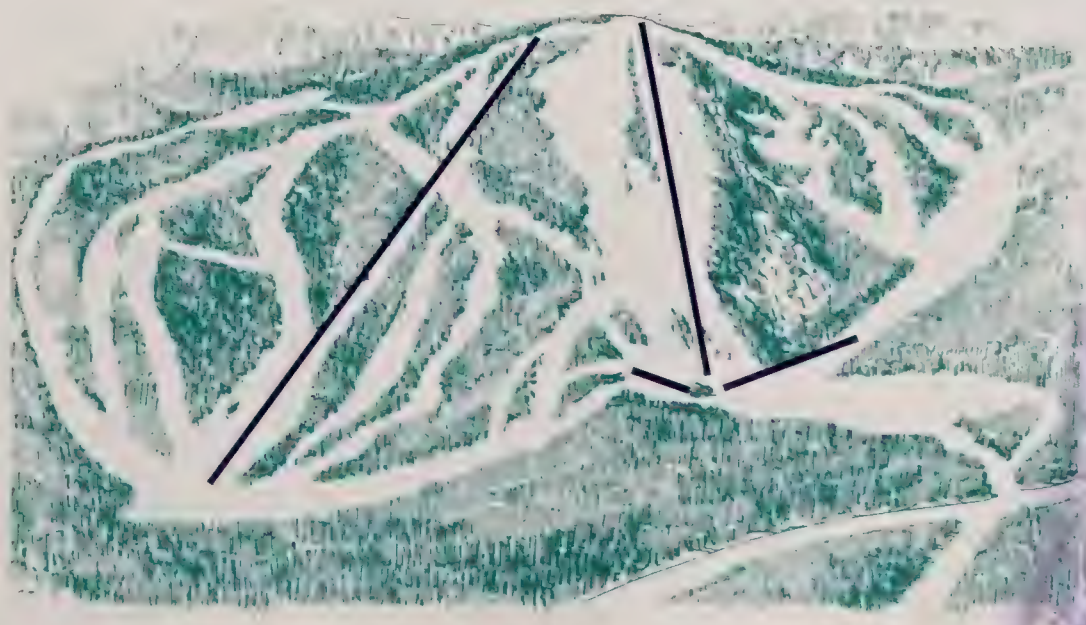
Food and Drink: Day lodge has a full-service cafeteria.

Lodging: Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast and Lost Trail Hot Springs with pool, Jacuzzi and sauna are nearby. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

Events: Mogul Freestyle Race, Montana Special Olympics February, Pepsi Family Race Day late March, Spring steak fry.

Bonus: Missoula is a university town offering some of the best shopping, restaurants and cultural highlights in the state.

For more information:
Lost Trail Powder Mountain
P.O. Box 311
Conner, MT 59827
406-821-3211 or 821-3508
Camp Creek Inn,
7674 Highway 93 South
Sula, MT 59871
Lost Trail Hot Springs
8221 Highway 93 South, Sula, MT 59871



Maverick Mountain

Base Elevation	6,700 ft.
Top Elevation	8,750 ft.
Vertical Drop	2,050 ft.
Longest Run	2.25 miles
Lift Capacity	700 skiers/hr.
Annual Snowfall	(avg.) 175 in.

JEAN ARTHUR

TOWNHOUSE INNS

One day skiing/two nights lodging

$65

per person double occupancy at the TownHouse Inns in Dillon or Butte.

Also includes continental breakfast.
800-442-INNS.

Rediscover what makes skiing fun. Friendly people, uncrowded slopes, wide groomed trails, powder runs and a panoramic view of the Pioneer Mountain Wilderness Area.

Location: In the Beaverhead National Forest 35 miles west of Dillon.

Getting Here: Take Route 278 west off of Interstate 15, then onto the Polaris Road for 13 miles.

Season: Late November through early April. Open Thursday through Sunday and holidays. Also open daily December 18 through January 2.

Trails and Slopes: Nightly grooming of 15 trails on 16 miles on 500 acres, plus the beginner "Discovery Area." Wide-open bowls, gladed meadows, winding runs and steep chutes. 20% novice, 40% intermediate, 40% expert.

Lifts and Rates: One double chairlift, one handle pony tow. Adult $17, Junior $10.

Rentals and Sales: Complete rental shop offers downhill packages and snowboards. Rates start at $12/day. Ski repair and maintenance is available.

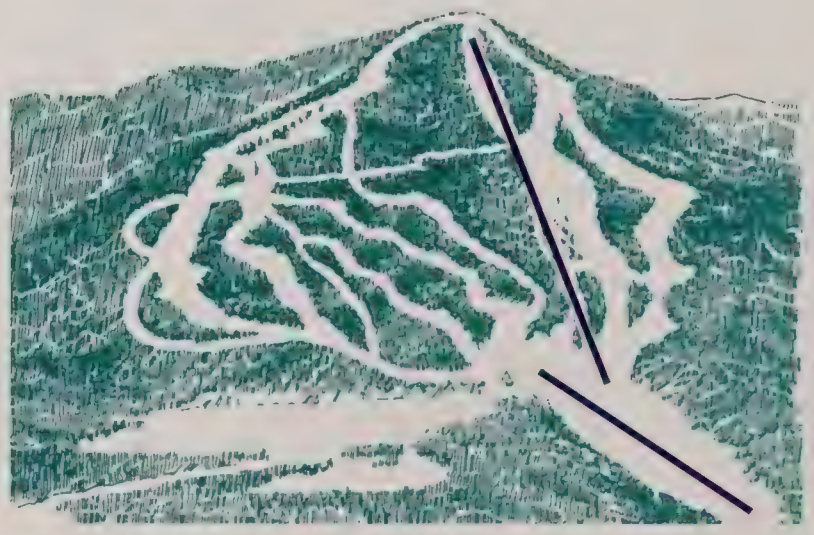
Ski Instruction: "Ski Starter" package includes ski rental, lesson and lift ticket $17. PSIA-certified instructors available for group or private lessons.

Food and Drink: The base lodge cafeteria features home-cooked specials and great burgers. Relax in the Thunder Bar.

Lodging: TownHouse Inns in Dillon offers attractive, comfortable accommodations, as well as an indoor pool and Lucky Lil's Casino. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

Cross-Country: Maverick is in the heart of miles and miles of Nordic trails.

Events: Torchlight parade December 31, Western Winter Games January 21 and 22, Dillon Downhill January 29, Bartenders Cup Races February 25, Winternational Alpine Skiing Competition March 4 and 5.



Bonus: Get a taste of the real West in the magnificent Big Hole. This is the country famous for natural hot springs, wide open spaces and excellent snowmobiling conditions. You'll also want to visit Bannack, a ghost town where you can ice skate!

For more information:
Maverick Mountain
Polaris, MT 59746
406-834-3454
Lodging and Package information
TownHouse Inns of Montana
600 South Main
Butte, MT 59701
800-442-INNS

Montana Snowbowl

Base Elevation
5,000 ft.

Top Elevation
7,600 ft.

Vertical Drop
2,600 ft.

Longest Run
3 miles

Lift Capacity
3,400 skiers/hr.

Annual Snowfall
(avg.) 300 in.

GORDON WILTSIE

Two days skiing/two nights lodging starts at

$69

per person double occupancy.

Group packages as low as $34 per person per night for stays of two or more nights in groups of six or more. Many other packages are available.

Deep, powdery natural bowls and 2,600 feet of continuous vertical drop make Snowbowl an extremist's dream, and there's plenty to ski for all other skill levels, too!

Location: Twelve miles northwest of Missoula.

Getting Here: Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest serve Missoula's International Airport. Exit off Interstate 90 at Reserve Street, go north on Grant Creek Road, then left onto Snowbowl Road.

Season: Late November to early April. Open Wednesday through Monday.

Trails and Slopes: More than 30 trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing on 1,200 acres in the Lolo National Forest. 20% beginner and novice, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced and expert, plus 700 acres of "extreme" skiing. Cherry House warming hut on top. Snowmaking on lower elevations.

Lifts and Rates: New high capacity double chairlift, two double chairlifts, one T-bar, one beginner tow. Adult $23, Child $10.50. Senior, student and half-day rates available.

Rentals and Sales: Downhill package $12.50/day, snowboards $18/day. Separate rates available. Ski accessories for sale.

Ski Instruction: Two-hour adult group lesson $15, one-hour adult private lesson $25. Pee-Wee private lesson $15. Beginner's package includes lift, lesson and rental $22.50. Snowboarding lessons are available at the area. PSIA-certified instructors.

Food and Drink: Enjoy lunch at the Double Diamond Cafe in the base lodge or the Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain. Relax with friends at the Last Run Inn Saloon.

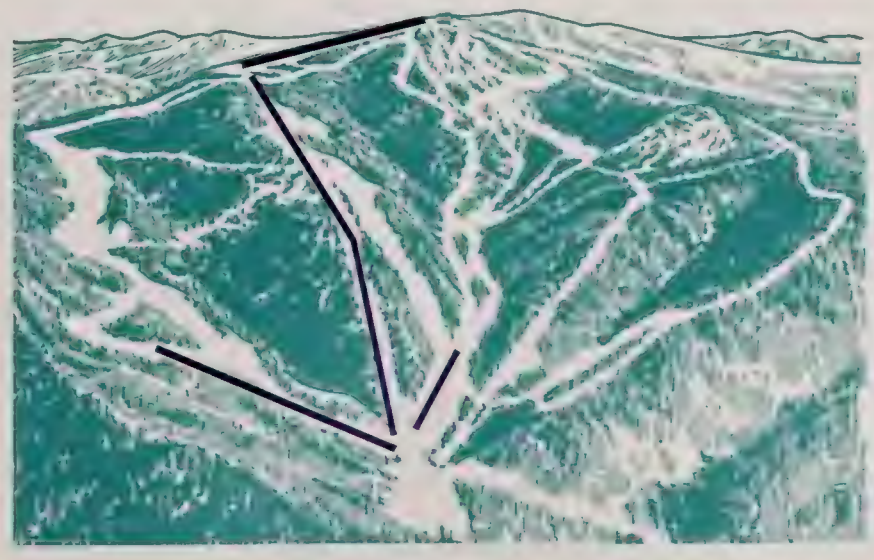
Lodging: Nearby Missoula offers a wide variety of accommodations. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

Just for Kids: Day care for two years and older and Pandas for ages three to six. Pandas includes equipment, lesson, lift ticket and lunch $25.

Events: Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday, Northern Division Freestyle Series December 26 and 27, Snowboard Jam February 4 and 5, Gelande Jump Championship February 25 and 26, Northern Division Freestyle Championship March 4 and 5, Snowbowl Hexathlon March 12, Best-of-the-Bowl Race March 19, Ski-Golf Tournament March 26.

Bonus: The exciting university town of Missoula offers fun in all forms; great dining, lodging, entertainment and shopping.

For more information:
Montana Snowbowl
P.O. Box 8226
Missoula, MT 59807
406-549-9777
Reservations 800-728-2695
24-hour Snow Phone 406-549-9696



Red Lodge Mountain

Base Elevation	7,400 ft.
Top Elevation	9,416 ft.
Vertical Drop	2,016 ft.
Longest Run	2.5 miles
Lift Capacity	6,690 skiers/hr.
Annual Snowfall	(avg.) 250 in.

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Experience sunny days on a big mountain with warm friendly people and a lively Western town.

Location: One hour southwest of Billings outside of Red Lodge.

Getting Here: Billings Logan is served by over 50 flights daily on Big Sky, Delta, Horizon, Northwest, Sky West and United. Nonstop service from Minneapolis/St. Paul. Take Interstate 90, then US Highway 212 from Billings with no mountain passes. Rental cars available at airport. Free shuttle from town of Red Lodge to the ski area.

Season: Late November to April 9.

Trails and Slopes: More than 35 slopes, trails and open meadows covering 25 miles on 500 acres of the Custer National Forest. Our grooming crew has more than 60 years of experience to provide the finest skiing surfaces. 15% novice, 60% intermediate, 25% expert. Snowmaking in the early season.

Lifts and Rates: Four double chairlifts, one triple chair, one mighty mite tow rope. Adult $25, Child (12 and younger) $12, Senior $18. Beginning January 2, Mondays and Tuesdays (except holidays) are discounted to $15. Multi-day and group rates. All major credit cards are accepted.

Rentals and Sales: Adult $14,Child (12 and Younger) $9. Demo/performance skis $25/day. Snowboard rentals at the area. Ski clothing and accessories for sale in the Ski Shop.

Ski Instruction: Ninety minute group lesson $15, private lesson $35/hour, snowboard lesson $30/hour. Adult race clinics on Sundays and Thursdays. First-timers package with novice lift ticket, rentals and lesson, $18 for ages seven and older. PSIA-certified instructors.

Adaptive Ski Program: Eagle Mount adaptive ski program for disabled children and adults teaches downhill skiing with the use of specially adapted equipment and techniques. (See page 14).

Food and Drink: Choose from two cafeterias or two full-service restaurants.

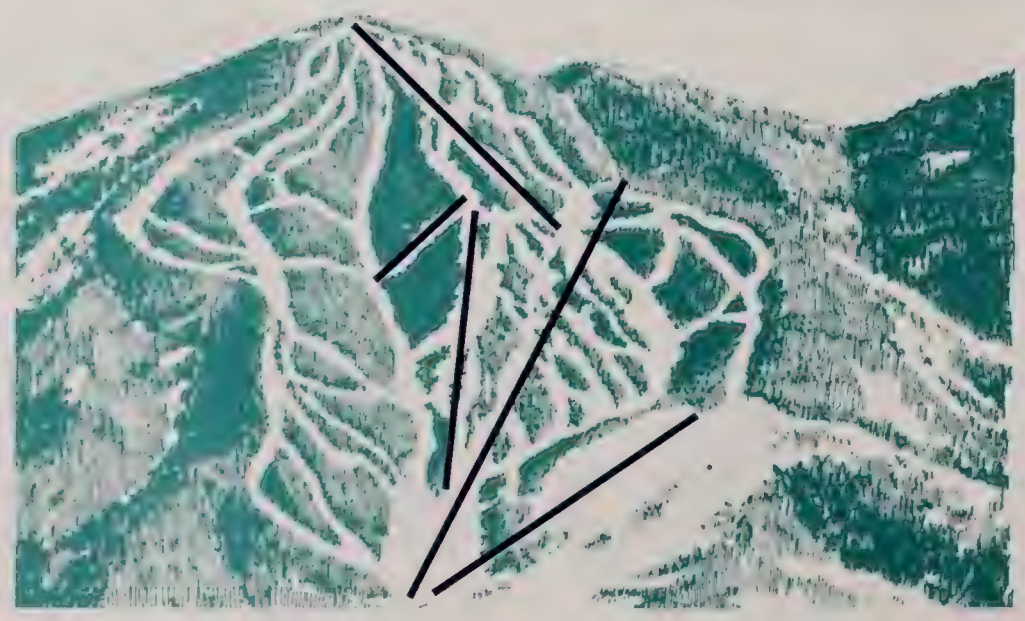
Lodging: Central Reservations specializes in custom-designed vacations for your family or group. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

Just for Kids: SKIwee program for ages three to six; an instructional program with special teaching techniques. Includes rental equipment, lift privileges and instruction. Full-day $35 or half-day $25.

Events: Nastar racing Friday through Sunday, Learn to Ski Free Day January 13, Northern Rocky Mountain Winter Games February 22 through 26, Winter Carnival March 3 through 5.

Bonus: Red Lodge is a fun-loving town with lots of historical Western charm.

For more information:
Red Lodge Mountain
P.O. Box 750
Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-2610. Accommodations and recreation packages 800-444-8977
nationwide and Canada



SHOWDOWN

BASE ELEVATION
6,800 FT.
TOP ELEVATION
8,200 FT.
VERTICAL DROP
1,400 FT.
LONGEST RUN
2 MILES
LIFT CAPACITY
3,000 SKIERS/HR.
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LOCATION: Eight miles south of Neihart, 60 miles southeast of Great Falls and 30 miles north of White Sulphur Springs.

GETTING HERE: Fly into Great Falls International Airport on Delta, Northwest or Horizon Air. Rental cars are available.

SEASON: Late November through early April. Open Wednesday through Sunday. Open every day December 21 through January 2 (except December 25). Also open January 16.

TRAILS AND SLOPES: 34 runs on forest-lined trails, open slopes and glades in the Lewis and Clark National Forest. 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% expert.

LIFTS AND RATES: One triple chairlift, one double chairlift, one poma lift, one rope tow. Adult $22, Junior (6 through 12) $12, Senior (70 and over) $12. Children five and younger ski free. The beginner tow and poma lift are also free.

RENTALS AND SALES: Downhill package $15/day, snowboard package $25/day. High performance downhill package $20/day. Discounts for three or more consecutive day rentals are available. A fully equipped pro shop in the base lodge can take care of any skier's needs.

SKI INSTRUCTION: Downhill and snowboard two-hour group lesson $13, one-hour private lesson $25. Special weekend clinics accommodate more advanced skiers. PSIA-certified instructors. Ask about other packages.

FOOD AND DRINK: Showdown has a full-service cafeteria at its base lodge, and the Top Rock Cafe at the mountain's summit serves deli-style soup and sandwiches, along with the best espresso around! The famous Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon is a great place to meet friends for a cold beer or a hot drink.

LODGING: Stay in a cozy bed & breakfast or enjoy the comforts of a modern motel in the towns of Neihart, Monarch and White Sulphur Springs. For more lodging information see directory starting on page 41.

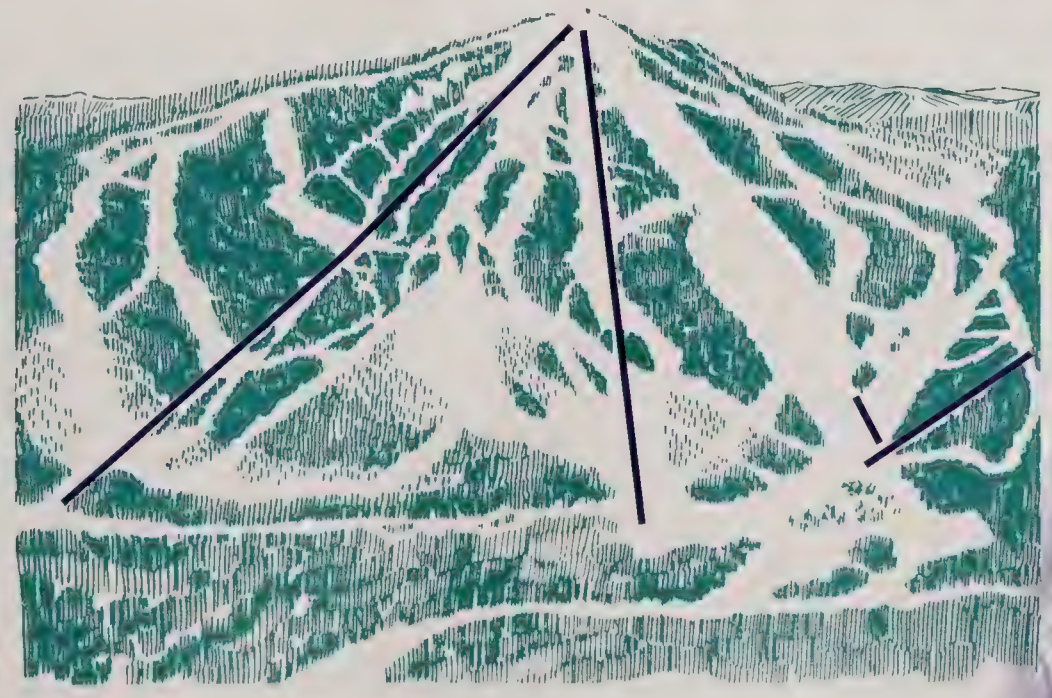
CROSS-COUNTRY: Just adjacent to Showdown lie over 12 miles of groomed cross-country trails. The trails are well marked with easy access from the ski area, and provide spectacular scenery.

SNOWMOBILING: For those who would rather ride than ski, Montana Snowmobile Adventures at Showdown provides machine and clothing rentals for the snowmobile enthusiast. 200 miles of groomed trails are waiting with guided tours available.

JUST FOR KIDS: SKIwee program for ages three through six $25/half-day, $35/full-day. Includes two- or four-hour lesson. Rental equipment and lift ticket are included if needed. Day care is available at base lodge.

BONUS: Great Falls is one of Montana's largest shopping and business centers. Visit the Charles M. Russell Art Museum and stroll through a real old-time downtown. Excellent accommodations and restaurants!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
SHOWDOWN SKI AREA
P.O. BOX 92
NEIHART, MT 59465
406-236-5522
24-HOUR SNOW PHONE 406-771-1300
INFORMATION LINE 800-433-0022



Rocky Mountain Hi

Base Elevation
6,400 ft.

Top Elevation
7,400 ft.

Vertical Drop
1,000 ft.

Lift Capacity
1,000 skiers/hr.

Annual Snowfall
(avg.) 300 in.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI

Rocky Mountain Hi— affordable, family fun on the edge of Montana's magnificent Rocky Mountain Front, just east of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area.

Location: One hour north of Great Falls on Highway 89 and 30 minutes west of Choteau. One hour southwest of Conrad. Fly into Great Falls International Airport. Rental cars are available.

Season: Late November to mid-April. Open Friday through Sunday from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. Open every day during Christmas holiday, plus all other major holidays.

Trails and Slopes: Twenty-five trails covering 150 acres in the Lewis and Clark National Forest. 20% beginner, 50% intermediate, 30% advanced.

Lifts and Rates: High-capacity double chair, one beginner tow. Adult $17, Student $13, eight years and younger ski free, adults over 70 ski free. Half-day rates available. Beginner tow free.

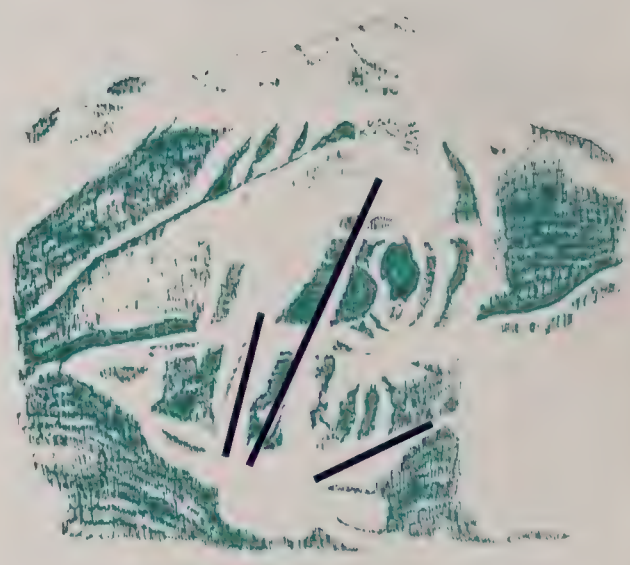
Rentals: Complete rental shop with rates starting at $12.50.

Snowboarding & Telemark: Snowboarders and telemarkers welcome. Snowboard rentals available.

Ski Instruction: PSIA certified ski school with instruction available for beginner through advanced levels with special workshops available. Private and semi-private lessons. Beginner lift, lesson, rental packages available.

Food and Drink: The cafeteria and the Skiers Lane Lounge offer lunch, beer and wine.

For more information:
Rocky Mountain Hi Ski Area
412 South Main
Conrad, MT 59425
406-278-5308



Eagle Ski Montana

Bridger Bowl • Red Lodge Mountain • Showdown

Eagle Ski offers an adaptive ski program to disabled children and adults. Individuals are taught to downhill and/or cross-country ski with the use of specially adapted equipment and techniques. Lessons are taught on a one-to-one basis with two or more instructors when necessary.

While instruction technique is generalized per type of disability, each student's uniqueness is addressed. The program is equipped to deal with both the severely physically disabled person and the student who can follow simple instructions with limited motor skills. Involved in the program are persons with disabilities such as: cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, visual impairment, amputations, spinal cord injuries and developmental disabilities. Safety is of utmost importance with fun running a close second.

For more information:
Eagle Ski/Bridger Bowl
6901 Goldenstein Lane
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-1781

Eagle Ski/Red Lodge Mountain
2822 3rd Avenue North #203
Billings, MT 59101
406-245-5422

Eagle Ski/Showdown
4237 2nd Avenue North
Great Falls, MT 59401
406-454-1449

EAGLE MOUNT

A Montana Winter: More Than Skiing

MICHAEL JAVORKA

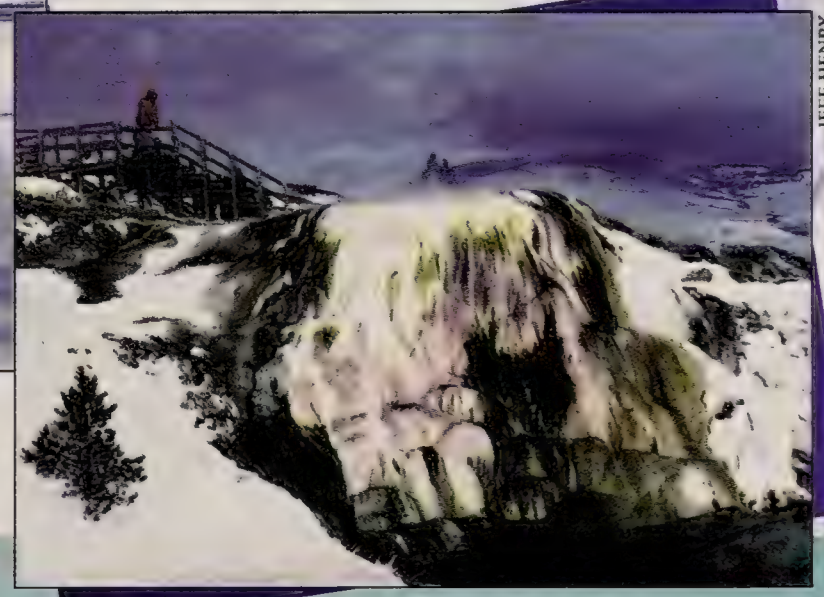
Try something old—visit a museum full of prehistoric dinosaur finds, explore a ghost town from Montana's gold mining days, experience the charm of yesterday as you join locals in an old-fashioned Christmas stroll or...

U.S. HIGH ALTITUDE SPORTS CENTER

Try something new! Get behind a team of sled dogs, cast into off-season fly fishing or in-season ice fishing, check out future winter Olympians at the U.S. High Altitude Sports Center in Butte, or shop for one-of-a-kind native crafts. Have you ever seen bald eagles up close? You can here, as they pause in Montana on their way south for the winter.

Or just grab a hot mug of something, put up your stockinged feet and relax—Montana's a great place for that, too.

CONRAD ROWE



JEFF HENRY

Winter Wonderlands

For a winter experience of majestic proportions, make a visit to Yellowstone or Glacier National Park. These rugged and pristine lands offer spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing and endless opportunities for winter adventure.

Yellowstone National Park

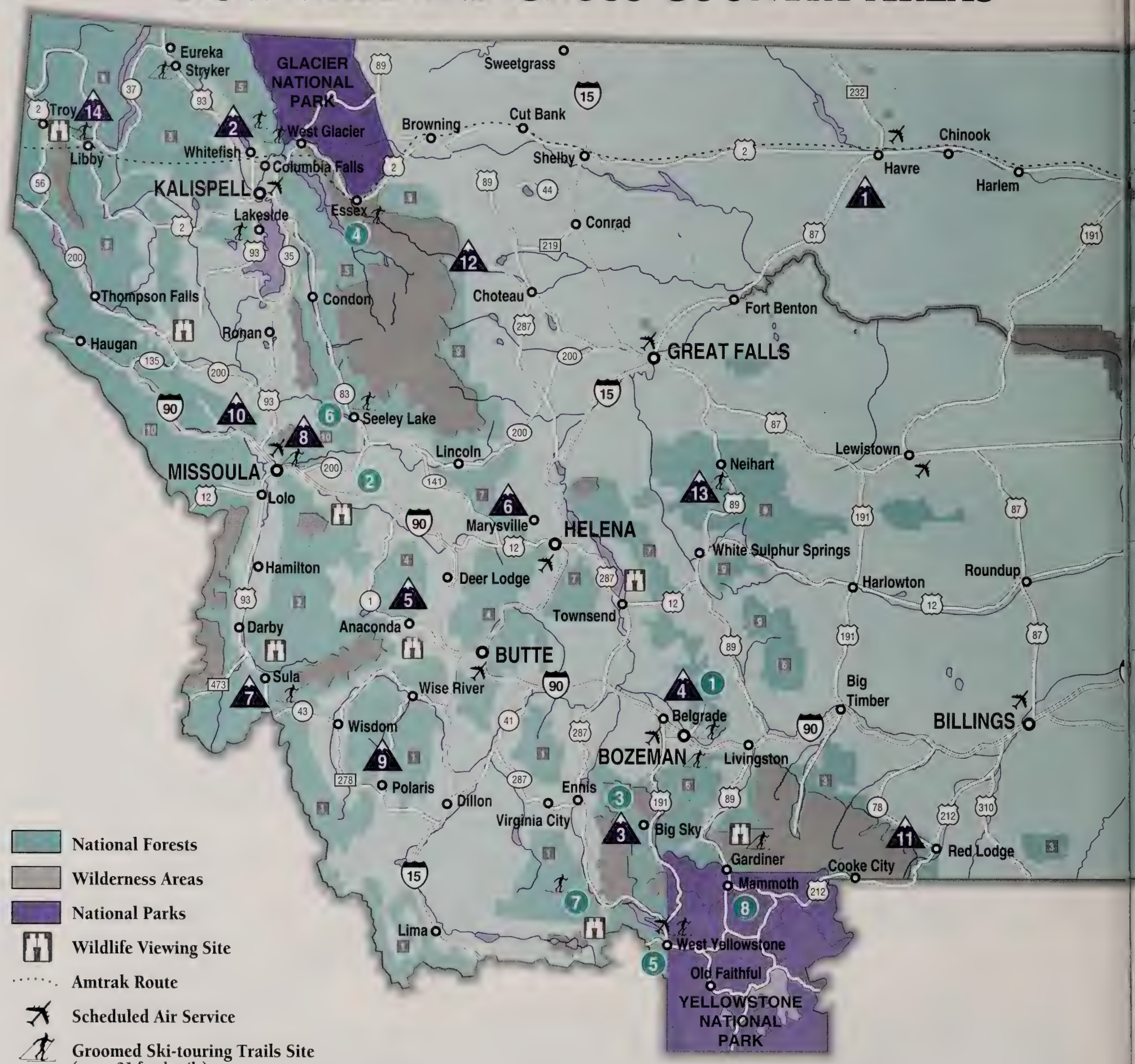
Take a snowcoach tour or rent a snowmobile and see wintering herds of bison and elk. Grab your cross-country skis and explore miles of backcountry trails, steaming geyser basins, and snow-mantled forests. Snowcoach tours and snowmobile rentals are available at West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs. Two million acres await you in Yellowstone!

Glacier National Park

A little less traveled are the one million acres of alpine splendor and the dozen ski trails awaiting winter visitors to Glacier. Guided tours and ski rentals are available.

For maps and other information about cross-country skiing and winter activities in the national parks, contact Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-3781 or Superintendent, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, 406-888-5441.

Downhill and Cross-country Areas



- National Forests
- Wilderness Areas
- National Parks
- Wildlife Viewing Site
- Amtrak Route
- Scheduled Air Service
- Groomed Ski-touring Trails Site (see p. 21 for details)

National Forests

1. Beaverhead N.F.
2. Bitterroot N.F.
3. Custer N.F.
4. Deerlodge N.F.
5. Flathead N.F.
6. Gallatin N.F.
7. Helena N.F.
8. Kootenai N.F.
9. Lewis & Clark N.F.
10. Lolo N.F.

Cross-Country/Touring

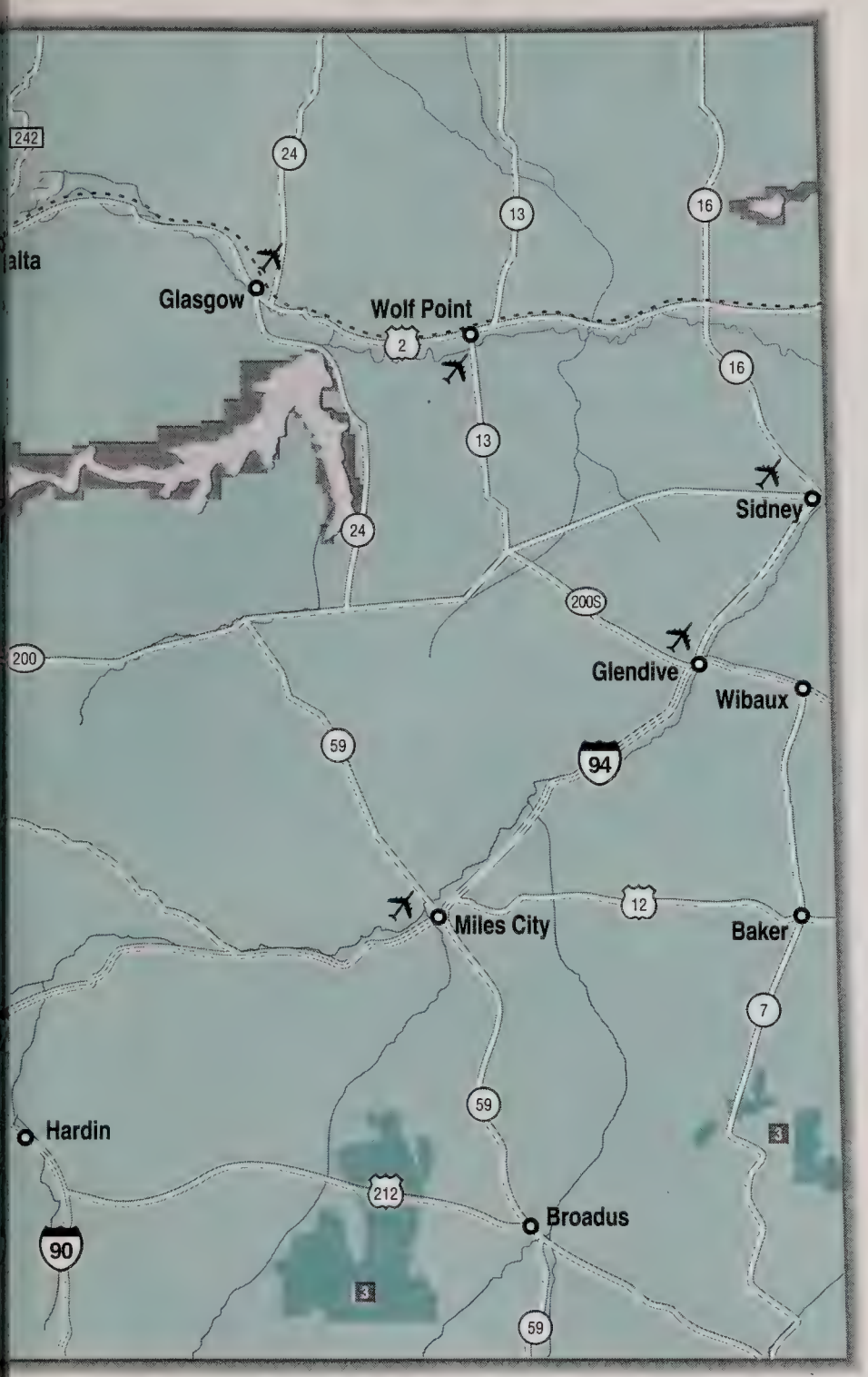
1. Bohart Ranch
2. Garnet Ghost Town
3. Golden Eagle Lodging
4. Izaak Walton Inn
5. Lone Mountain Ranch
6. Rendezvous Ski Trails
7. Tamaracks Resort
8. Wade Lake Resort
9. Yellowstone Alpen Guides
10. Yellowstone National Park

*** Lifts**

Q — high-speed quad chair
G — high-speed detachable gondola
T — triple
D — double
S — surface

**** Rates**

Rates subject to change.



GETTING HERE'S A BREEZE

Some ski areas are just minutes from an airport or train station, others a short drive on scenic highways. The following carriers are among those who can get you to Montana snow:

AMTRAK	800-872-7245
Delta and The Delta Connection	800-221-1212
Horizon Air	800-547-9308
Northwest Airlines	800-225-2525
United Airlines	800-241-6522

For Montana Ski Reports and Travel Information:

800-VISIT MT ext. 4WG
(out-of state)

406-444-2654
(in-state)

For Road Conditions:

406-444-6339
or
800-226-ROAD
(7623)

Maps provide general information only. The maps are not accurate in miles or in geographic distance. Consult the Montana Official Highway map for accurate information before you travel.

DOWNHILL

			AVG. SNOWFALL	VERTICAL DROP	BASE ELEVATION	TOP ELEVATION	LIFT CAPACITY/HR.	LIFTS*	RUNS	% BEGINNER	% INTERMEDIATE	% ADVANCED	ADULT RATES**	CHILDREN'S RATES**
1	Bear Paw Ski Bowl	Havre (406) 265-8404	N/A	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D 1S	9	25	25	50	$12	8 & under free †
2	Big Mountain	Whitefish (406) 862-1900	300	2,300	4,700	7,000	11,684	2Q 2S 1D 4T	61	25	55	20	$35	6 & under free †
3	Big Sky	Big Sky (800) 548-4486	400	3,030	6,970	10,000	12,030	2Q 2G 2T 2D 3S	55	16	44	40	$38	10 & under free †
4	Bridger Bowl	Bozeman (406) 587-2111	400	2,000	6,100	8,100	5,100	5D 1S	50	25	35	40	$25	5 & under free †
5	Discovery Basin	Anaconda (406) 563-2184	200	1,300	6,850	8,150	3,400	3D 2S	32	33	33	33	$20	$10
6	Great Divide	Marysville (406) 449-3746	150	1,330	5,900	7,230	2,300	3D	55	15	35	50	$18	5 & under free †
7	Lost Trail Powder Mtn.	Darby (406) 821-3211	300	1,200	6,600	7,800	1,925	2D 2S	18	20	60	20	$16	5 & under free †
8	Marshall Mountain	Missoula (406) 258-6000	150	1,500	3,900	5,400	3,000	1T 2S	17	15	65	20	$17	5 & under free †
9	Maverick Mountain	Dillon (406) 834-3454	140	2,120	7,100	9,220	700	1D 1S	15	20	40	40	$17	$10
10	Montana Snowbowl	Missoula (406) 549-9777	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	3,400	2D 2S	32	20	40	40	$23	5 & under free †
11	Red Lodge Mountain	Red Lodge (406) 446-2610	250	2,016	7,400	9,416	6,690	4D 1T 1S	40	15	60	25	$25	$12
12	Rocky Mountain Hi	Choteau (406) 278-5308	300	1,000	6,400	7,400	1,000	1D 2S	25	20	50	30	$17	8 & under free †
13	Showdown Ski Area	Neihart (406) 236-5522	240	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,000	1T 2S 1D	34	30	40	30	$22	5 & under free †
14	Turner Mountain	Libby (406) 293-4317	200	2,110	3,842	5,952	500	1S	14	10	30	60	$14	6 & under free †

† with paying adult

CROSS-COUNTRY

MICHAEL JAVORKA

Ask the people who come back year after year. Ask the U.S. Nordic Ski Team. Montana is THE place to cross-country ski. In winter, abundant snow transforms the state into a cross-country skiers' paradise.

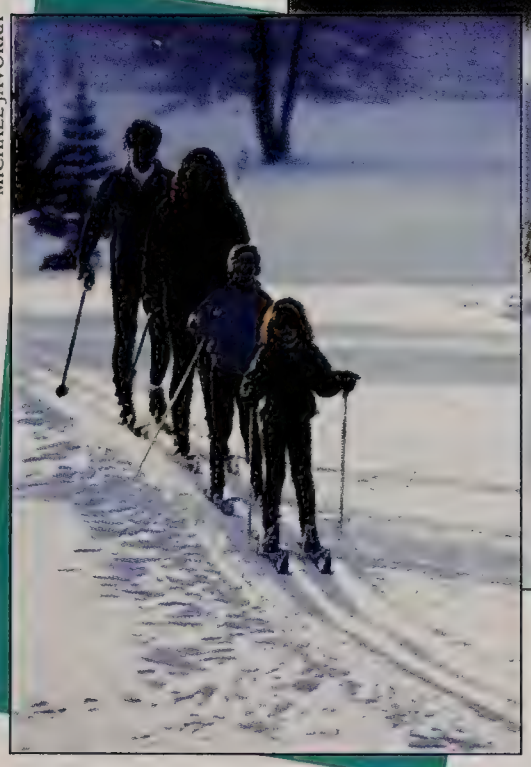
Here you can find backcountry valleys filled with untracked snow and dazzling sunshine—and have one all to yourself. Go on a short guided ski hike or take a longer trip to a rustic backcountry cabin. Skate on groomed tracks or plow through fresh powder. Telemark down a mountain on metal-edged skis or take the family on a wildlife viewing expedition—it's all here!

JEFF HENRY

In Montana, cross-country is a way of life. With two national parks, 10 national forests, 12 wilderness areas and numerous lodges with private ski trails, there's plenty of room for everyone. And plenty of choices. Montana's cross-country ski resorts customize winter with specialties like guided wilderness tours, expertly groomed trails, professional instruction and comfortable accommodations ranging from cozy, private cabins to full-service lodges.

Cross-country in Montana. We have it all. And it's all yours.

R. HAMILTON SMITH



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Winter Excitement, National Forest-Style

The national forests and grasslands of Montana stretch from prairies and badlands in eastern Montana through rolling hills and isolated ponderosa pine woodlands to rugged mountaintops and steep, timbered canyons in western Montana. When the snow covers these 16.8 million acres of public lands, they become a winter wonderland.

Ten downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

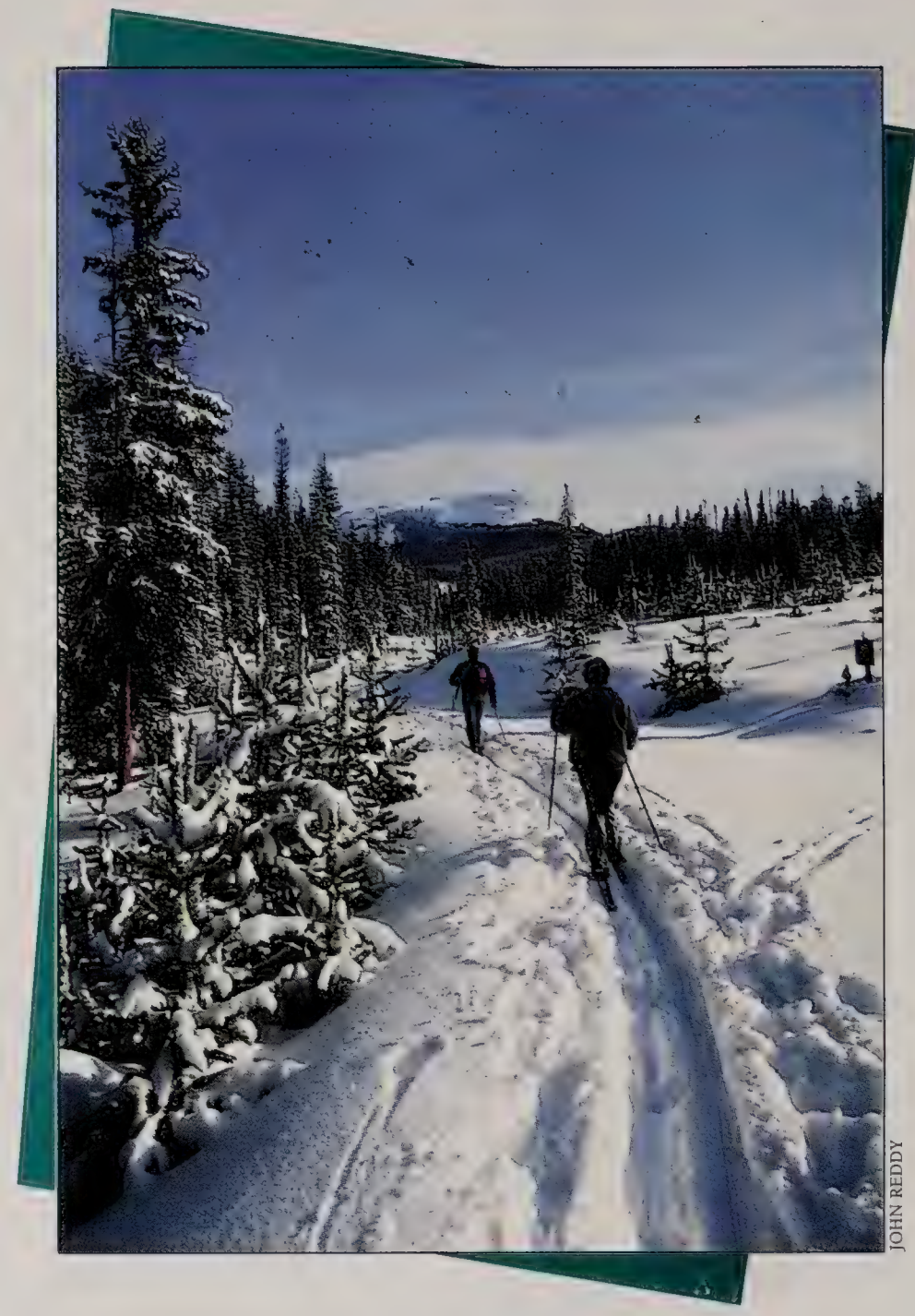
In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers to enjoy. Cross-country skiers can follow over 600 miles (950 km) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows and ridgelines. There are also thousands of miles of ungroomed recreation territory.

Snowmobilers can ride over 1,600 miles of designated, groomed trails, or they can explore on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

Take your pick of the special places available in Montana's national forests. They are yours to enjoy.

A Guide to Your Northern Region National Forests will give you the locations of all 10 national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forest (see list of addresses).

For those who seek the solitude of a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts throughout Montana for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Cooking utensils, electricity and piped-in water are generally not available. Expect to use outdoor privies. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located will be able to tell you what you need to bring. For a *Recreational Cabin & Lookout Directory*, write or call the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region.



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USDA Forest Service
Northern Region
Federal Building
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807
406-329-3511

Beaverhead National Forest
420 Barrett Street
Dillon, MT 59725-3572
406-683-3900

Bitterroot National Forest
1801 North First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3131

Custer National Forest
2602 First Avenue North
P.O. Box 2556
Billings, MT 59103
406-657-6361

Deerlodge National Forest
Federal Building
P.O. Box 400
Butte, MT 59703
406-496-3400

Flathead National Forest
1935 Third Avenue East
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-5401

Gallatin National Forest
Federal Building
P.O. Box 130
Bozeman, MT 59771
406-587-6701

Helena National Forest
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59601
406-449-5201

Kootenai National Forest
506 Highway 2 West
Libby, MT 59923
406-293-8861

Lewis & Clark National Forest
1101 15th Street North
P.O. Box 869
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-791-7700

Lolo National Forest
Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801
406-329-3750

Groomed Ski Touring Trails

Beaverhead National Forest
Continental Divide Trails—28 mi. west of Wisdom • 3.5 km Easiest, 7 km More Difficult, weekly grooming • District Ranger, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243 • Starts on north side of MT 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Eight loop trails. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club.
Wade Lake Ski Trails—40 mi. south of Ennis on MT 287 to Wade Lake Access Road and 6 mi. to resort • 35 km, groomed • District Ranger, 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59279, 406-682-4253 or Wade Lake Resort, 406- 682-7560 • Touring of Cliff and Wade lakes and scenic vistas of the area.
Flathead National Forest
Essex Trail Complex—Izaak Walton Inn, Essex • 16.3 km Easiest, 12.5 km More Difficult, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Hungry Horse, MT 59919, 406-387-5243 • Seven trails, park at Izaak Walton Inn. Trails maintained and groomed by Izaak Walton Inn. $5 per person trail fee.
Round Meadows—15 mi. northwest of Whitefish • 18 km Easiest, 2.2 km More Difficult, 3.3 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-2508 • Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited, parking capacity, 10 cars. Logging may restrict or cause closure of some trails.
Blacktail Mountain—8 mi. west of Lakeside • 10 km Easiest, 29.5 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-862-2508 • No skiing on plowed Blacktail Mountain Road.
Gallatin National Forest
Bear Creek Road—Jardine (5 miles above the town of Gardiner) • 7 km Easiest, groomed • District Ranger, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375 • Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road.
Hyalite Reservoir—18 mi. south of Bozeman at Hyalite Reservoir • 21 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920 • Road plowed intermittently.
Bozeman Creek—5 mi. south of Bozeman • 10 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920 • Snowmobiles prohibited.
Stone Creek—10 mi. northeast of Bozeman • 10 km Easiest, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920 • Stay on groomed trail for first mile across private land, limited parking on highway, no snowmobiles.
Rendezvous Complex—West Yellowstone • 12 km Easiest, daily grooming • District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 • Used by U.S. Olympic Team in November as official site of fall training camp. Dogs and snowmobiles prohibited.
Dead Dog Loop— West Yellowstone • 5.5 km More Difficult, daily grooming • District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 • Access via Rendezvous system.
Windy Ridge—West Yellowstone • 7 km More Difficult, grooming is in November and December only and is intermittent. • District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 • Access via Rendezvous system.
Kootenai National Forest
Hellroaring Creek Trail No. 204—29 mi. northwest of Troy, Route 508 • 3 km Easiest, 4.2 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, 1437 N. Hwy. 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693 • Parking capacity 6 cars. Trail accesses alpine ridge and ends at Hidden Lake.
Ross Creek Trail No. 4005—17 mi. south of Troy, Hwy. 56 • 11 km Easiest, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, 1437 N. Hwy. 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693 • Parking capacity 6 cars. Motor vehicles prohibited after December 1.
Bear Creek—7 mi. south of Libby • 2.3 km Easiest, 1.8 km More Difficult, 1.4 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, 1263 Hwy. 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8861 • Parking capacity 20 cars. Motorized vehicles prohibited.
Rainbow Ridge—22 mi. north of Libby • 2.8 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, 1263 Hwy. 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8861 Parking capacity 10 cars, trail shared with snowmobiles.
Flatiron Summit—24 mi. north of Libby • 2.8 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, 1263 Hwy. 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8861 • Parking capacity 10 cars. Motorized vehicles prohibited.
Timberlane Campground—9 mi. north of Libby • 2.5 km Easiest, 0.8 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, 1263 Hwy. 37 Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8861 • Ski play hill and sledding, picnic shelter, fire ring and firewood provided. Parking capacity 10 cars.
South Flower—4 mi. southwest of Libby • 4.5 km More Difficult, 0.5 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, 1263 Hwy. 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8861 • Parking capacity 4 to 8 cars.
Grave Creek Road—16 mi. southeast of Eureka • 35 km Easiest, 10 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Murphy Lake Ranger Station, Hwy. 93 N., Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451 • Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area. Grooming branches off Grave Creek Road to Stahl and Clarence Creek roads (approx. 8 km each way), Weasel Lake (3 km) and Weasel Cabin (2 km). Grooming by Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club.
Laughing Water Creek—Adjacent to Murphy Lake Ranger Station • 7.2 km Easiest, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Murphy Lake Ranger Station, Hwy. 93 N., Fortine (10 miles south of Eureka), MT 59918, 406-882-4451 • Limited parking. Closed to snowmobiles.
McGillivray—25 mi. northeast of Libby • 2.5 km Easiest, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Canoe Gulch Ranger Station, 12557 Hwy. 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 • Parking capacity 5 cars, check with District for current status.
Lewis and Clark National Forest
Two Medicine—9 mi. west of East Glacier • 12 km Easiest, 2 km More Difficult, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341 • Only parking available is along U.S. Hwy. 2 right-of-way.
Silver Crest—7 mi. southeast of Neihart • 3.5 km Easiest, 10.3 km More Difficult, 4.2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Kings Hill RD, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361 or Belt Creek Information Station, Neihart, MT 59465, 406-236-5511 • Park in snowmobile lot near Kings Hill, 150-vehicle capacity, additional parking at Kings Hill Campground.
Lolo National Forest
Pattee Canyon Complex—5.5 mi. southeast of Missoula • 1.6 km Easiest, 4 km More Difficult, 5.4 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger Bldg. 24-A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3814 • Parking capacity, 25 cars, closed to motorized vehicles. 3 trails. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails.
Seeley Lake Ski Trails—1 mi. northeast of Seeley Lake • 3 km Easiest, 12 km More Difficult, 3 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming • District Ranger, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233 • Snowmobiles prohibited. Parking for 12 cars. Maps available at trailhead and District Office. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails.

NOTE: Some trails are groomed irregularly. Please contact appropriate forest service office or ski club for current information before you ski. The **EASIEST, MORE DIFFICULT** and **MOST DIFFICULT** ratings are relative. Weather and snow conditions may make an **EASIEST** trail too difficult for many skiers. **MOUNTAIN TOURING TRAILS** are marked routes for experienced skiers only.

Garnet Ghost Town

Less than a century ago, a prosperous gold mining town in western Montana's Garnet Range boasted a dozen saloons, numerous hotels, brothels, stores, blacksmith shops and homes for more than a thousand residents. The decline of the gold rush era and a fire in 1911 left the town of Garnet with only a few of its original structures. By 1950 it housed only ghosts. But today, thanks to the Garnet Preservation Association and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, it is active again. A 100-mile trail system has opened the town to snowmobilers and skiers, providing a tangible link to an important era in the development of the Rocky Mountain West. Besides Kelly's Saloon, Davey's Store, the J.K. Wells Hotel and some of the other buildings that have been preserved, visitors enjoy spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Pintlar Range. Cabin rentals in town and elsewhere in the Garnet Range make this a unique winter experience.

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For information:
on skiing, snowmobiling
and cabin rentals, contact

Garnet Resource Area
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 3255
Missoula, MT 59801
406-329-3914

Winter Wildlife Watching

Whether driving to a ski area, cross-country skiing or sipping hot chocolate indoors by a window, keep your eyes open for Montana's watchable wildlife. Deep snows in the high country drive many animals to lower elevations, and closer to civilization. That's why winter is the best season to see bighorn sheep, coyotes, deer, moose and Rocky Mountain elk.

Scan for elk herds on windswept hillsides. Spy a moose in a grove of willows. Watch for the white heads of bald eagles in riverside trees. Telephone poles spanning prairies create perches for rough-legged hawks and golden eagles. Ice-free lakes and rivers offer a watery refuge for ducks, Canada geese and swans.

Look, too, for tracks. You may spot the prints of a bounding snowshoe hare followed by lynx tracks. Both animals race lightly across snow on furry paws that act as natural "snowshoes." Taking along a field guide to animal tracks will help you decipher wildlife clues etched in snow.

And please—give wildlife room to live. Birds and animals must conserve energy to survive the chilling months. Binoculars and a camera with a long lens will bring you close without disturbing wildlife.

Montana Wildlife Viewing Sites

As you travel in Montana, watch for binoculars symbol signs along the highways. They are locator signs for wildlife viewing sites. Certain sites are best visited in the winter, when you may see bighorn sheep, elk or eagles. More than 100 watchable wildlife sites are described in the *Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide*, which can be purchased at bookstores or from Falcon Press at 800-582-2665.

For more information on Montana's Watchable Wildlife, contact
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
1420 East Sixth Avenue, Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701
406-444-1276

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Izaak Walton Inn

Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn is an alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Memorabilia, authentic furniture and our great log fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.

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Facilities: Relax in a Great Northern room with in-room sink and shared bath or an Empire Builder accommodation with full private bath. Enjoy unique lodging in a charming Caboose. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. The Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

Location: At Essex, just off U.S. Highway 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in northwest Montana. Fly Delta or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door.

Season: Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.

Trails: Over 30 km of mechanically groomed trails, partially in Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

Guide Service: Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery and experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is $60-$80 per person, including lunch, transportation and guide service. Ski rental equipment available upon request.

Day Skier Services: A day trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages available.

Vacation Packages: Inquire about our five- and seven-day vacation packages. Packages include accommodations, three meals a day, daily trail passes, full use of all inn ski trails and Finnish sauna, one ski lesson, one guided snowshoe tour and one guided ski tour into Glacier National Park.

Events: Kick Out the Kinks USSA-Sanctioned 5 and 10 km Nordic Ski Race December 3-4; Spring Snow Rodeo and Race March 25-26.

For Reservations: Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier National Park, as space is limited.

For more information:
Izaak Walton Inn
P.O. Box 653-M
Essex, MT 59916
for a brochure 406-888-5700
Fax 406-888-5200

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Lone Mountain Ranch

BILL BROCKETT / LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

A full service cross-country ski resort with professionally groomed trails, attractive, cozy cabins, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top quality ranch gourmet meals and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the cross-country skiing vacation of a lifetime. It's no wonder so many guests return year after year!

BILL BROCKETT / LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

LOCATION: Big Sky, Montana—40 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Delta or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Special airfares available.

SEASON: Ski from early December to mid-April.

TRAILS: 75 km of professionally groomed, tilled and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. A portion of these trails are in the Gallatin National Forest.

GUIDE SERVICE: Naturalist-guided, all-day ski tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone. Skiing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is a truly unforgettable experience.

NORDIC SKI SHOP: Complete cross-country ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment. A wide selection of ski clothing, accessories, convenience items and gifts are available.

SKI INSTRUCTION: Professional PSIA-certified instructors offer lessons for all levels of skiers.

VACATION PACKAGES: Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 60 guests in cozy log cabins with private baths, electric heat and wood-burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (seven nights) includes three complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleigh-ride dinner, gourmet on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs and outdoor hot tub at $975 per person, double occupancy. Reservations are required.

DAY SKIER SERVICES: Day trail passes give you access to the entire trail system. Rental ski packages, Nordic ski shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon, lessons, guided ski tours and old-fashioned sleigh-ride dinners are all available to day visitors.

SLEIGH-RIDE DINNERS: Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleigh-ride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner cooked in a century-old wood cookstove, and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening. Reservations required.

YURT ADVENTURES: In Moonlight Basin, a 25,000-acre privately owned wilderness area just north of Lone Mountain. Ski in, enjoy a delicious dinner and spend the night in our cozy, warm yurts. Or snowcat into dinner and return that evening. Reservations required.

FOR RESERVATIONS: It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to assure your choice of dates and accommodations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH
P.O. BOX 160069
BIG SKY, MT 59716
FOR A FREE BROCHURE CALL
406-995-4644 EXT. 120
FAX 406-995-4670

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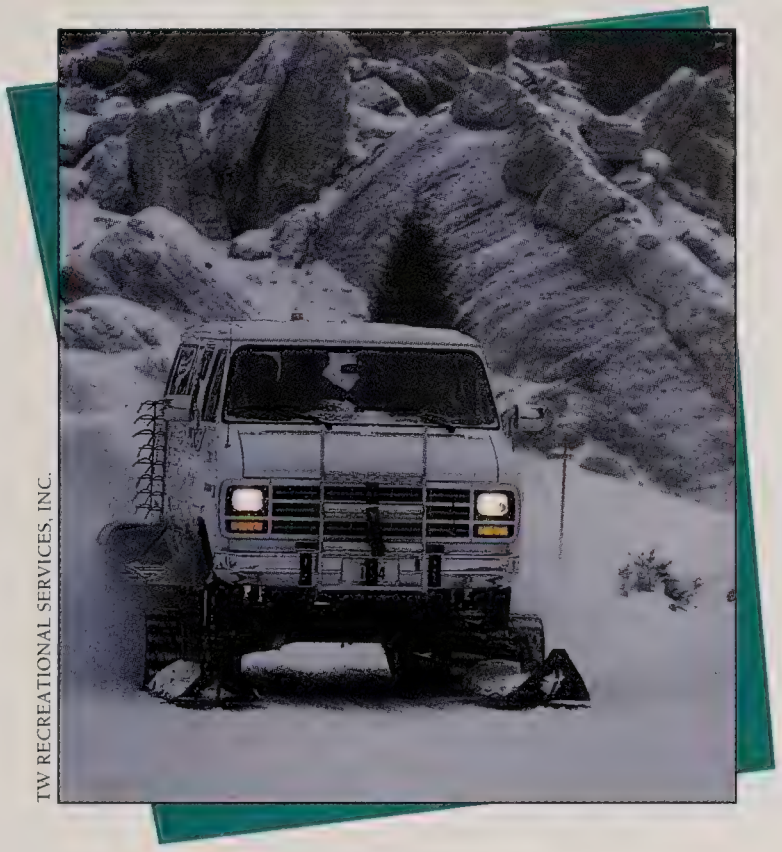
Yellowstone National Park

Winter may be the most magical season of all in Yellowstone. Snow transforms the park into another world. Steam billows from the geyser basins to drift in eerie clouds through frosty air. Wildlife is abundant. The park's smaller streams and rivers are sheathed in ice and waterfalls form great arches of icicles. You haven't seen Yellowstone until you've seen Yellowstone in winter.



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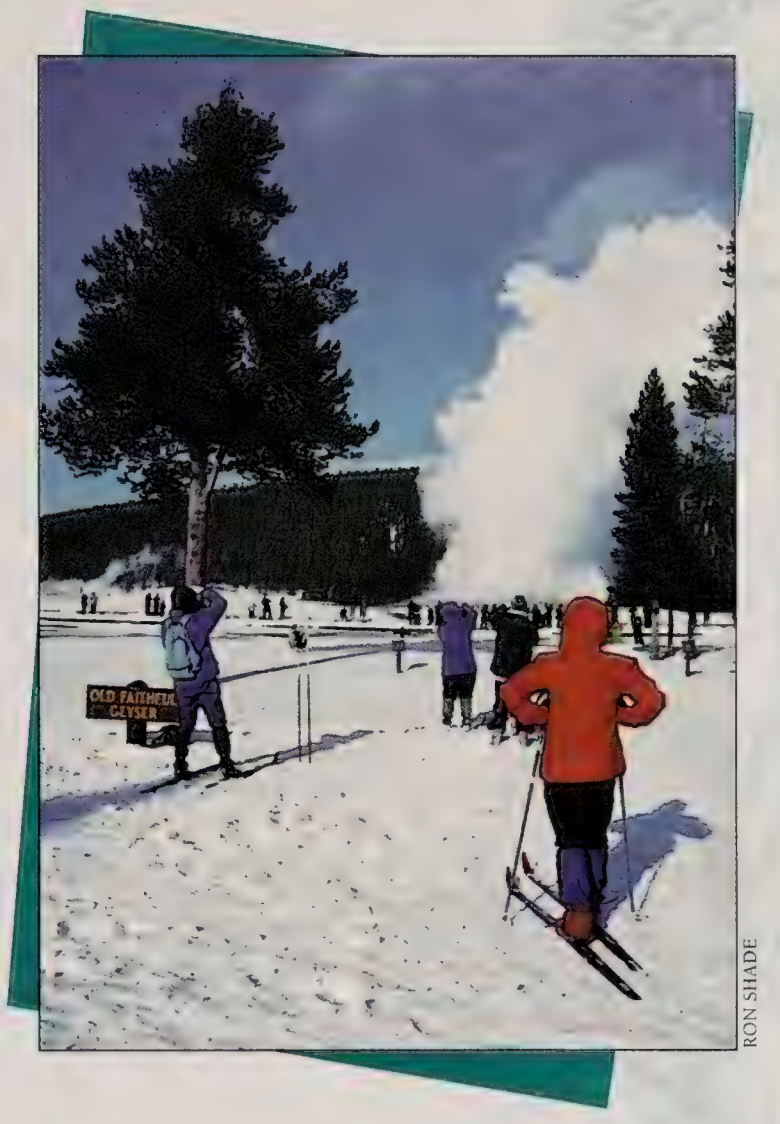

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Location: Yellowstone National Park is located in south-central Montana and the northwest corner of Wyoming. Fly to Bozeman, transportation is available to Mammoth Hot Springs, 80 miles away.

Season: Mammoth Hot Springs, December 17 through March 5; Old Faithful Snow Lodge, December 14 through March 12.

Average Annual Snowfall: 150 inches.

Average Park Elevation: 7,000 feet is the average elevation with mountain highs of 11,000 feet and lower areas at 5,800 feet. Mammoth Hot Springs is 6,300 feet above sea level.

Total Park Area: 3,400 square miles of protected parklands provide vistas of indescribable beauty—thermal features, wild animals, mountains, lakes, rivers and expansive views. "Have we got the country to cross!"

Trails: Groomed and tracked trails along with skied-in tracks. Miles and miles of backcountry trails.

Guide Service: All-day and half-day guide service available. Two-person minimum.

Ski Instruction: Two-hour group lesson offered every morning and afternoon. Private lessons also available. Reservations recommended.

Rentals: Skis, boots, poles and gaiters for rent by half-day and full-day. Snowmobile rentals and snowcoach tours also.

Facilities: Mammoth Hot Springs is a vintage facility with all rooms housed in a four-story wing and Aspen Lodge. Beautiful, newly renovated dining room and lounge. Old Faithful Snow Lodge, located next to the famous geyser it is named for, has rooms or cabins available. No phones or TVs. A great getaway spot.

Vacation Packages: We have "Mammoth Savings at Mammoth" in the month of January! Call us for two- or five-night packages with activities and prime rib dinner included.

For more information:
TW Recreational Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 165
Yellowstone National Park,
WY 82190-0165
307-344-7311

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Bohart Ranch Cross-Country Ski Center

Bohart Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bozeman on Highway 86 in Bridger Canyon, adjacent to Bridger Bowl ski area, offers 25 km of groomed and tracked trails on nationally and internationally recognized cross-country ski terrain. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skating techniques. Facilities include a biathlon range for year-round training and competition. Services include rentals, lessons, snacks and warming cabin. Trails are open in summer for walking, running, mountain biking, horseback riding, frisbee golf and Summer Biathlon, which combines running and shooting.

Bohart Ranch trails offer quality skiing for both the recreational and competitive skier. Our scenic trails in historic Bridger Canyon let our guests experience a bit of Old Montana.

For more information:
Bohart Ranch
Cross-Country Ski Center
16621 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-9070

Golden Eagle Lodging at Big Sky

Located at Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort, Golden Eagle is 45 miles south of Bozeman and neighbor to Yellowstone National Park. Out your front door you will find access to 75 km of an extensive cross-country trail system. Lone Mountain Guest Ranch, premier cross-country ski area of the Northwest, offers a variety of terrain for beginners and experts. Or ski 65 miles of exhilarating downhill on 55 runs over 2,100 acres. Our pinnacle peak, Lone Mountain, rises 11,166 feet with a vertical drop of 3,030 feet.

Golden Eagle offers the largest selection of luxury condominiums and homes in Big Sky.

Conveniently located near the cross-country track system, slopes, dining, shops and entertainment, Golden Eagle condos have panoramic mountain views, furnished kitchens and stone fireplaces. Some have access to pools, saunas and Jacuzzis. Golden Eagle Lodge offers comfortable and newly remodeled rooms, with a restaurant and bar on premises, the perfect choice for those on a budget. Prices start at $115/night for a one-bedroom condo and $45/night in the lodge. Fly Delta or Northwest to Bozeman.

For more information:
Golden Eagle
P.O. Box 160008
Big Sky, MT 59716
800-548-4488

Rendezvous Ski Trails

Adjacent to West Yellowstone and Yellowstone National Park, the Rendezvous Trail System shares Yellowstone's deeply forested, gentle terrain and early snowfall. The trails are professionally groomed from early November through April 1st, with both diagonal-stride tracks and a 12-foot skating lane.

During November the Rendezvous trails host the Fall Training Camp for world-class Nordic racers. In early March, hundreds of racers of all abilities take part in the Yellowstone Rendezvous Ski Race, part of the Great American Ski Chase with prizes for all ages.

For serious training and not-so-serious fun seekers, the Rendezvous System provides an ideal cross-country experience.

For more information:
West Yellowstone
Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 458
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7701

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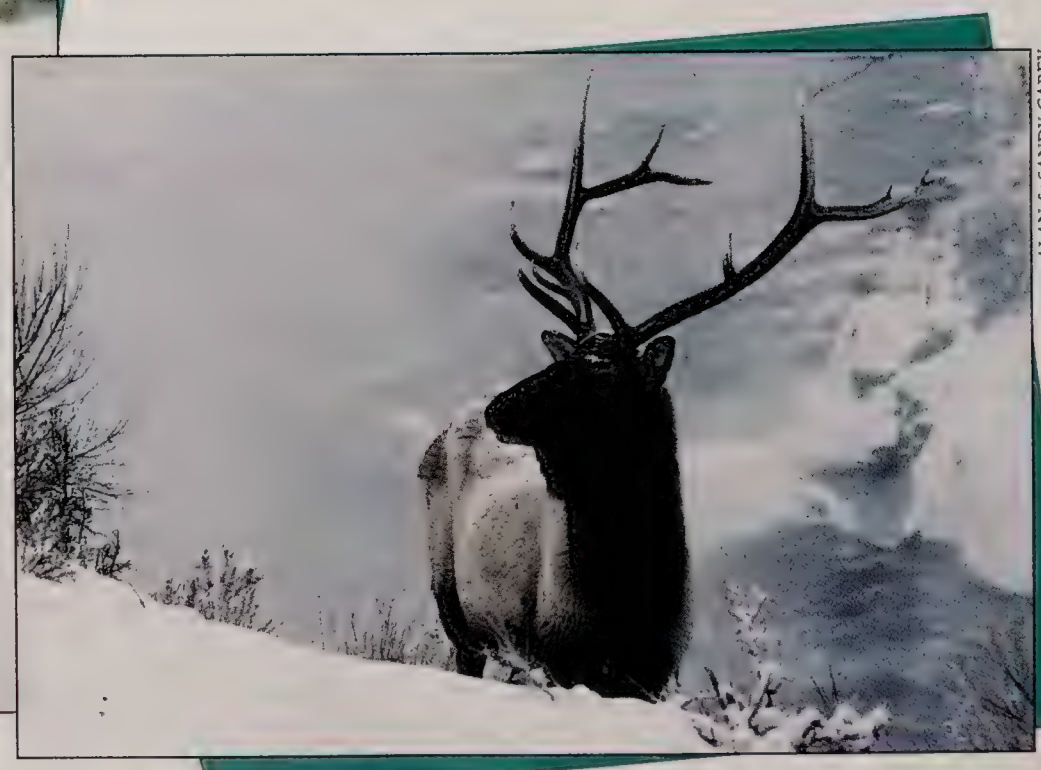

ALAN & SANDY CAREY

Tamaracks Resort

Tamaracks Resort lies nestled in the Clearwater Valley, bordered on the west by the Mission Mountains and on the east by the majestic Swan Range and the Continental Divide. Just an hour northeast of Missoula, Tamaracks is a haven for solitude and outdoor activity throughout the year.

Winter ushers in abundant snowfall and cross-country skiing is popular in the backcountry or on the 18-km Seeley Creek Nordic ski trails just a quarter-mile from the resort. Snowmobile right from your cabin to over 300 miles of groomed trails and enjoy scenic mountain overlooks, frozen glacial lakes and waterfalls, or power through endless dry Montana powder.

The other three seasons offer outdoor enthusiasts adventures in wildlife viewing, hiking, canoeing, boating, swimming, fishing, hunting and horseback riding.

Accommodations are warm, cozy lake front cabins that vary in size, sleeping from one to ten persons. Each is fully equipped and uniquely decorated. We offer snowmobile rental packages including new snowmobiles and off-season rates on cabin accommodations. We also rent cross-country skis, ice skates, boats, canoes and hydro-bikes.

For more information:
Tamaracks Resort
P.O. Box 812
Seeley Lake, MT 59868
800-477-7216

Wade Lake Resort

Wade Lake Resort, located in the forest on Wade Lake and a half-mile from Cliff Lake, offers an exclusive backcountry experience.

Designated a Montana Wildlife Viewing Site, Wade Lake, which stays partially ice-free in the winter, provides winter habitat for bald eagles, trumpeter swans, great grey owls, ducks, geese and river otters. Share the trails only with the resident wildlife—moose, deer, coyote, bobcat, fox, porcupine, ermine, snowshoe hares and squirrels, as well as the elusive pine marten.

Our 35 km of professionally groomed and track-set trails take you along lake shores and riversides, through valleys, aspen groves and old-growth fir forests, and over wide open rolling hills with spectacular views of tall peaks. Marked and groomed trails are designed for skiers of all ability levels. There are also endless backcountry opportunities in this area of the Beaverhead National Forest.

Accommodations are in one of five fully equipped cabins. Dine in the lodge or prepare your own meals. We provide a six-mile shuttle from U.S. Highway 287 and the Madison River, or have us shuttle your gear while you ski in.

For more information:
Wade Lake Resort
P.O. Box 107
Cameron, MT 59720
406-682-7560

Yellowstone Alpen Guides

Yellowstone National Park in winter is an experience never to be forgotten. The impatient crowds and harried pace of summer are gone. Large numbers of animals have slowly moved down from the high country to seek shelter in the thermal basins. Now is the time to see Yellowstone at its best.

Yellowstone Alpen Guides offers daily tours aboard warm, comfortable, ten-passenger traditional snowcoaches and new snowvans.

Alpen Guides is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Fly into Bozeman and rent a car, or relax and enjoy the 90-mile trip through scenic Gallatin Canyon on one of the regularly scheduled bus trips from Bozeman to West Yellowstone. Access is easy from Big Sky via your private car or regularly scheduled bus service.

Tours depart daily at 9 AM from mid-December through early March for all-day snowcoach adventures and skier drops to Old Faithful or the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Tours include special vacation packages including a three-day wildlife viewing tour with overnight at the Old Faithful Snowlodge. Snowcoach and guided ski tours are also available.

For More Information:
Yellowstone Alpen Guides
P.O. Box 518M
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-9591 (Phone & Fax)

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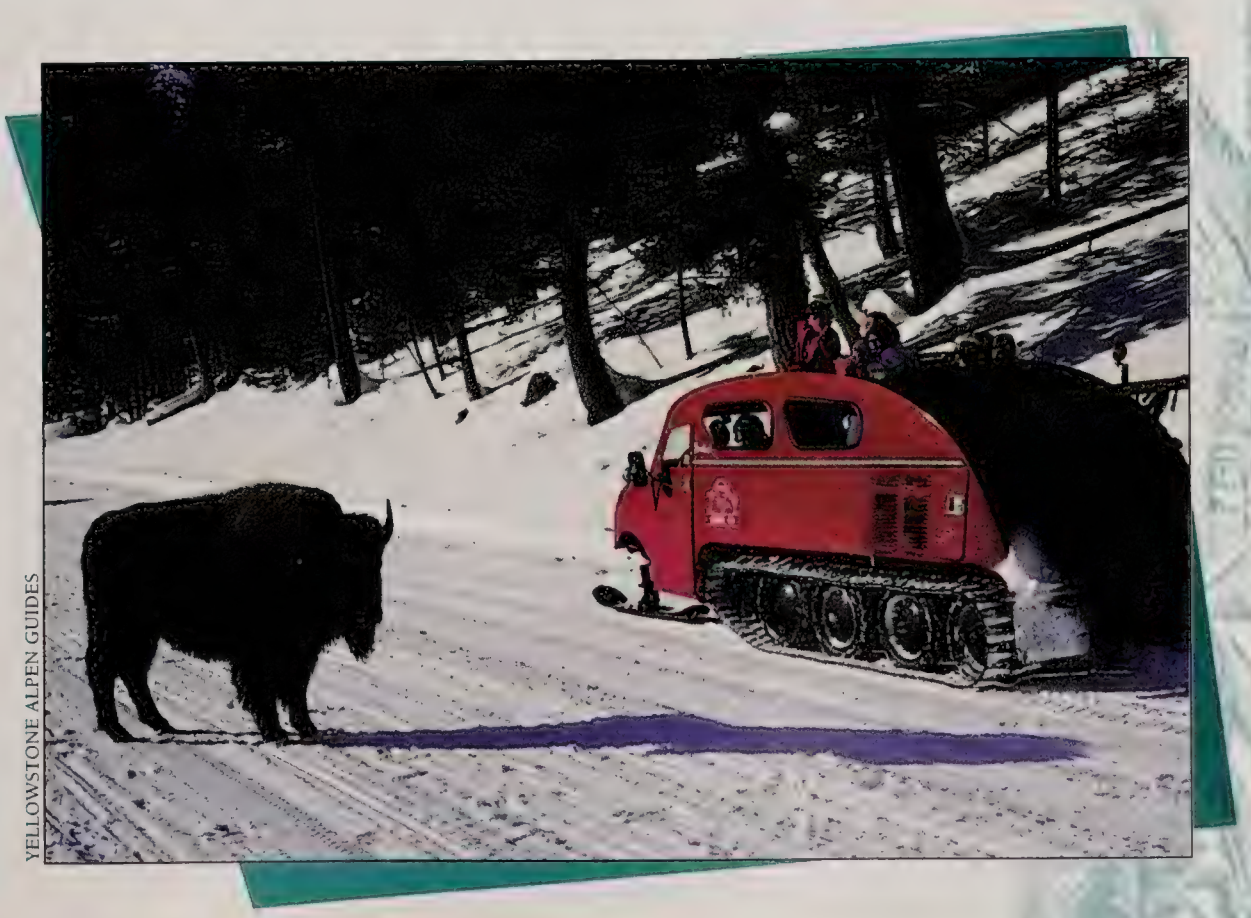

YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES

SNOWMOBILING

GARRY WUNDERWALD

Snowmobiling is a sure way to fall in love with winter in Montana. This spectacular Big Sky season has a way of staying in your heart long after the snow melts.

It's a dazzling adventure. Sail over 3,000 thrilling miles of sparkling snow, snow and more snow. It's your chance to reap the benefits of the years of dedication on the part of the Montana snowmobiling community to create a vast trail network, most of it on magnificent national forest lands.

CONRAD ROWE

It's a new experience. Feel the freedom of some of the longest connecting groomed trails in the nation. That means you can ride all day without so much as crossing a highway! But, you won't be lonely--there's a full array of services and smiles along the trail.

It's an expedition. Explore backcountry lakes, steaming hot springs and legendary ghost towns. Catch a glimpse of some of Montana's more than 1,000 species of wildlife.

It's a celebration. Complete with fun runs, fireworks and spirited festivals. Come prepared to have a good time and let us do the rest.

So you see...snowmobiling is much more than an entertaining form of transportation. Try it this winter. There's no better place than Montana.

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THE COLD HARD (PACKED) FACTS

The Montana snowmobiling season is from mid-December to April, with some variation, of course, due to yearly snow fluctuations and location.

Snow conditions are powdery early in the season, with hardpack developing as the season progresses.

Temperatures vary widely, but generally average in the 20s to 30s range, although it's common for the mercury to dip below zero.

Snow depths range from one to three feet at lower elevations and from six to fifteen feet in the mountains.

Snowmobiles on public land must be registered and display a decal. Snowmobiles currently registered in other states are not required to display a Montana registration decal. For snowmobiles not currently registered, a non-resident, temporary-use permit is required and can be obtained by calling Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks headquarters at 406-444-2535.

SNOWMOBILING AREAS

LEGEND

10 20 30 40 50 MILES

- HELENA — Cities
- Lincoln — Towns
- National Forests
- Wilderness Areas
- Continental Divide
- Lakes and Waterways
- PARK — National Parks
- Interstate Marker
- U.S. Numbered Marker
- State Route Marker
- Major Airports
- Ghost Town or Early Mining Camp
- Ski Area
- Snowmobile Area

Maps provide general information only. The maps are not accurate in miles or in geographic distances. Consult the Montana Official Highway map for accurate information before you travel.

Snowmobiling Areas

(For detailed information about these areas, see charts on pages 32-37.)

1. Cut Bank
2. Haugan/Thompson Falls
3. Kalispell/Columbia Falls
4. Libby/ Ten Lakes Scenic Area
5. Lolo Pass
6. Mission Mountains
7. Seeley Lake
8. Skalkaho
9. Deer Lodge
10. Dillon
11. Garnet
12. Georgetown Lake
13. Helena
14. Lincoln
15. Virginia City/Ennis
16. Wisdom
17. Wise River
18. Big Timber
19. Bozeman/Big Sky
20. Cooke City/Siver Gate
21. Livingston
22. West Yellowstone
23. Kings Hill/Little Belts

Snowmobiling Quick Reference Chart

Area Name	Location	Area Description	Elevation	Miles Groomed
Cut Bank 1	Marias Pass is midway between Cut Bank and Kalispell on U.S. 2. Amtrak has daily east-west service with stops in Cut Bank, East Glacier and Essex.	Those who like their winters wild can test their mettle at northwest Montana's Marias Pass Trail Complex. Straddling the Continental Divide, these trails are rugged and remote. A wide range of riding is available, from novice to expert, on 45 miles of groomed trails and another 35 miles of ungroomed trails. Guides are advisable on some trails. Steep slopes and sudden storms make for extreme weather conditions.	Marias Pass, 5,280'; trails to 8,000'	45 miles
Haugan/ Thompson Falls 2	Haugan is on the I-90 Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana. 90 miles east of Missoula on I-90 and 110 miles west of Spokane.	Haugan offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities. It's one of those great places that combines vast riding possibilities with a family atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. Lots of cross-country ski territory. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia and Thompson Falls, with designated trails, open meadows, scenic views and abundant wildlife.	Haugan-Lookout Pass, 4,725'; trails to 5,000'. Thompson Falls-Thompson Pass, 4,852'; trails to 6,407'	90 miles
Kalispell/ Columbia Falls 3	Kalispell is at the junction of U.S. 93 and U.S. 2 in northwest Montana. Fly into Kalispell or drive U.S. 93 north-south or U.S. 2 east-west. Amtrak has daily east-west rail service to Whitefish, 15 miles north.	Within an hour's drive of its hub city of Kalispell, there is snowmobiling in the Flathead National Forest, downhill and Nordic skiing at The Big Mountain, ski touring in Glacier National Park and ice fishing in scenic settings. Take the Canyon Creek Trail starting near Columbia Falls. You'll climb the back side of The Big Mountain to the Summit House in time for lunch.	Kalispell, 2,956'; trails to 7,000'	220 miles
Libby/ Ten Lakes Scenic Area 4	Libby is on U.S. 2 in extreme northwest Montana. Nearest airports are Kalispell, 90 miles east on U.S. 2 and Spokane, 130 miles west on U.S. 2. Eureka is 66 miles northwest of Kalispell.	High in the Cabinet and Purcell mountains, you can ride forever and see even farther. Headquarters for this year-round recreation area is the Scandinavian town of Libby, home of miners, loggers and all who love the outdoors. If you're looking for the "real" Montana, you'll find it here or in the neighboring towns of Troy, Eureka, Fortine or Yaak. Check on trail conditions before going out, as trails are groomed intermittently.	Libby, 2,086'; trails to 5,800'. Fortine, 2,965'; trails to 5,800'	135 miles
Lolo Pass 5	Lolo Pass is on U.S. 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, 45 miles southwest of Missoula. Nearest airport is Missoula.	At Lolo Hot Springs visitors enjoy the same soothing waters that bathed the weary members of the Lewis and Clark expedition nearly 200 years ago. Starting at either Lolo Hot Springs or at Lolo Pass seven miles west, snowmobilers can conduct their own modern-day explorations, using 250 miles of groomed, connecting trails in the Lolo and Clearwater national forests.	Missoula, 3,200'; Lolo Hot Springs, 4,160'; trails to 6,500'	250 miles
Mission Mountains 6	Ronan is between Missoula and Kalispell on U.S. 93 in western Montana. Nearest airports are Missoula, 55 miles south, and Kalispell, 65 miles north.	Few people are content merely to look at the Mission Mountains. Maybe more than any other mountain range in Montana, these jagged peaks beckon visitors to come closer and explore. It should be noted that because the trails are on the Flathead Indian Reservation snowmobilers need special recreation permits widely available at gas stations and convenience stores on the reservation. Snowmobiling is prohibited in the Mission Mountains Wilderness Area.	Ronan, 3,200'; trails to 7,000'	45 miles
Seeley Lake 7	Seeley Lake is 15 miles north of the junction of MT 83 and 200 in western Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula, 60 miles west via MT 200 and I-90.	Tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range on scenic MT 83, Seeley Lake is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. Starting from town, snowmobilers can fan out in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafes and backcountry lakes for ice fishing.	Seeley Lake, 4,000'; trails to 7,000'	230 miles
Skalkaho 8	Trailhead is 15 miles east of Hamilton. Hamilton is 50 miles south of Missoula on U.S. 93 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula.	One of Montana's least-traveled snowmobile areas is one of the most scenic. In summer, the Skalkaho Highway from Hamilton to the Georgetown Lake area is a scenic alternative to I-90. In winter, it is the kind of trail that snowmobilers dream about. Closed to automobile traffic, it allows privileged views of frozen Skalkaho Falls, tall peaks and deep canyons.	Hamilton, 3,572'; Skalkaho Pass, 7,260'; trails to 8,000'	140 miles

Trails	Services	Contacts
Popular trails originating at Marias Pass are **Two Medicine, Skyland** and **Pike Creek.** These are rugged trails in the Lewis & Clark and Flathead national forests south of Glacier Park and north of the Great Bear Wilderness. There are additional ungroomed trails in the area.	Snowmobile service and rentals, lodging and food are available at Essex, 15 miles west on U.S. 2; lodging and food at East Glacier, 12 miles east.	**Cut Bank Snogoers,** Box 301, Cut Bank, MT 59427; **Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce,** Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427, 406-873-4041; **Lewis & Clark National Forest,** 1101 15th St. N., Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-791-7700; **Rocky Mountain Ranger District,** Box 340, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341
In Haugan, popular groomed trails in the Lolo National Forest are **Ford Hill/Old Mullan Pass, Packer Creek/Randolph Creek, Packer Creek/ Timber Creek, Norpac, Milwaukee/Dominion and Taft Summit.** These are easy-to-intermediate trails that follow waterline routes and provide loop tours with access to meadows and play area.	Fuel, food and lodging are available in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia, Saltese and Thompson Falls. Limited snowmobile service in Thompson Falls. Snowmobile sales and full service in Heron, 40 miles from Thompson Falls and in Wallace, Idaho.	**Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club,** Box 242, Haugan MT 59842, 406-678-4242; **Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest,** Box 460, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4233; **Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce,** Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930
Canyon Creek to The Big Mountain begins north of Columbia Falls and crosses Werner Peak to connect with the **Olney Creek** and **Taylor Creek** trails. Between Hungry Horse and the Great Bear Wilderness is the **Desert Mountain** area and south of Bigfork, between Flathead Lake and Swan Lake, are the **Crane Mountain** and **Allard** areas. Avalanche dangers exist in some areas and may result in trail closures.	The Flathead Valley offers a full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales, service and rentals. Guided tours may be arranged through the Flathead Snowmobile Association. Lodging facilities range from small, independent motels to deluxe accommodations. Kalispell features a convention center.	**Columbia Falls Area Chamber of Commerce,** Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2072; **Flathead National Forest,** 1935 3rd Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-5401; **Flathead Snowmobile Assoc.,** Box 5041, Kalispell, MT 59903, 406-756-6139; **Flathead Convention and Visitors Association,** 800-543-3105; **Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce,** 15 Depot Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-6166; **South Fork Snowmobile Assoc.,** Box 443, Hungry Horse, MT 59919, 406-387-9090; **Whitefish Chamber of Commerce,** Box 1120, 525 E. Third St., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3501
There's the rugged **Keeler-Rattle** trail system with its magnificent views of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and proposed Scotchman Peak Wilderness; the **Purcell Mountains** with 60 miles of loop trails and play areas, all near Turner Mountain ski area, and the **Pete Creek Trail** that travels to mountain bowls and alpine lakes. Another popular trail is the 36-mile Grave Creek Road with great views of Glacier.	Food and lodging facilities are available in Libby, Troy, Yaak, Eureka and Fortine. Snowmobile service is available in Eureka, Fortine and Libby, with snowmobile sales in Libby. Guided tours can be arranged through the Lincoln County Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club.	**Libby Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest,** 1263 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8861; **Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest,** 1437 N. U.S. 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693; **Libby Chamber of Commerce,** Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-3832; **Lincoln County Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club,** 2072 Iron Creek Rd., Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-5858; **Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club,** Box 131, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4474
A series of interconnecting loop trails straddle two national forests on the Montana-Idaho border. **East Fork, Lost Creek System, Elk Meadows, Moose Ridge, Cooper Creek** and **Wagon Mountain** are just some of the trails that lead deep into the heart of the Bitterroot Range, with lots of meadows and play areas along the way.	Food, lodging and RV camping are available at Lolo Hot Springs. A full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales and service, is available in Missoula. Rentals are available at Lolo Hot Springs on U.S. 93.	**Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest,** Building 24A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3750; **Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest,** Lolo, MT 59847, 208-942-3113; **Missoula Snowgoers,** 3320 Big Flat Rd., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-549-4429; **Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau,** 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465.
The **Boulder Trail** starts just off MT 35 near Finley Point on Flathead Lake; the first 10 miles are groomed to the top of the range, where the trail connects with nearly 60 miles of ungroomed trails through forest openings. The ungroomed **Jocko Lake Trail** provides a 35-mile ride over the Missions that connects with groomed trails on the Seeley Lake side.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in Ronan. The nearest rentals are in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Guided tours may be arranged through the Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club in Ronan. A wide variety of food and lodging services are available throughout the Mission and Flathead valleys.	**Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club,** 112 Main St. S.W., Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-5000
Popular trails include **Double Arrow Lookout,** with views of the Swan Range and Clearwater Valley; **Elsina Lake,** site of Sunday cookouts with the Seeley Lake Driftriders Snowmobile Club; **Seeley Lake-Ovando,** a favorite for those who like to dine and dash; **Marshall Lake,** a scenic 15-mile loop and **Holland Lake,** a difficult, high elevation ride that rewards its finishers with a friendly lodge and cabins on a beautiful lake.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus lodging and food are available in Seeley Lake. Lodging available at Holland Lake Lodge. Limited services are available on the trail. Guided tours can be arranged through the Seeley Lake Driftriders Club.	**Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest,** Box 717, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233; **Seeley Lake Driftriders,** Box 174, Seeley Lake, MT 59868; **Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce,** Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880
Skalkaho Drainage Area offers 70 miles of groomed trails. **Skalkaho Highway** offers 30 miles of groomed trails that take snowmobilers to the top of the pass, then toward Sand Basin and Dam Lake. From there, open areas and ungroomed trails offer a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels. **South Fork of Skalkaho** has 40 miles of groomed trails, looping through higher elevations, through a burned area and back to the head of Rye Creek. The loop can also be entered from Rye Creek, south of Darby.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals are available in Hamilton. A wide variety of food and lodging is available in Hamilton and throughout the Bitterroot Valley.	**Bitterroot National Forest Office,** 1801 N. 1st St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3131; **Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest,** Box 388, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3913; **Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce,** 105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400; **Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club,** Box 265, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-4689

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Deer Lodge 9	Deer Lodge is 80 miles east of Missoula and 40 miles west of Butte in west-central Montana. Accessed from I-90.	By the Clark Fork River on I-90 in a long valley between snow-covered mountains is the historic city of Deer Lodge. This easily accessible area is a hit with family groups as well as those looking for adventure. Enjoy wide open spaces under a big blue sky.	5,300' at the trailhead; trails to 8,000'	40 miles
Dillon 10	27 miles northwest of Dillon, off Route 278, in southwest Montana. May be reached from the north from MT 43. Nearest airport is Butte, about one hour north on I-15. Daily north-south bus service to Dillon.	One of Montana's better-kept secrets lies in the pristine mountain valleys in the southwest corner of the state. The mountains are the Pioneers and the place is the Grasshopper and Big Hole valley region. The trail system follows a scenic route between Wise River and the Grasshopper Valley, a designated National Forest Scenic Byway.	Dillon, 5,100'; trails to 8,400'	150 miles
Garnet 11	The ghost town is about 30 miles east of Missoula and can be reached from either Montana 200 or I-90. Nearest airport is Missoula.	Less than a century ago, a prosperous gold mining town that boasted a dozen saloons, numerous hotels, brothels, stores, blacksmith shops and homes for more than a thousand residents. Spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Pintler Range. Cabin rentals in town and elsewhere in the Garnet range.	4,200' at the trailhead; trails to 7,000'	100 miles
Georgetown Lake 12	Pintler Scenic Route (MT 1 between Drummond and Anaconda, off-I-90 in southwest Montana). Nearest airports are Butte, 50 miles east on I-90 and Missoula, 80 miles west on I-90.	One of Montana's most popular lakes is the centerpiece of a winter sports area that offers snowmobiling, ice fishing, and downhill and cross-country skiing. On the Pintler Scenic Route, Georgetown Lake is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. There's an abundance of silver salmon in Georgetown Lake and fun at nearby downhill slopes, Nordic trails and mineral hot springs swimming pools.	Georgetown, 6,400'; trails to 9,000'	90 miles
Helena 13	Helena is at the junction of I-15, U.S. 12 and U.S. 287, on the east slope of the Rockies in western Montana. Fly into Helena or drive I-15 or U.S. 287 north-south or U.S. 12 east-west.	Visitors return again and again just to explore the mountains and trails within an hour's drive of the city. Extending from Helena in nearly every direction are 245 miles of trails leading to ghost towns, high mountain ridges and lakes, plus unlimited exploring on thousands of acres of national forest.	Helena, 4,000'; trails to 8,000'	245 miles
Lincoln 14	Lincoln is midway between Great Falls and Missoula on MT 200. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 90 miles northeast, Missoula, 80 miles west, and Helena, 60 miles southeast on Route 279.	Start your weekend with a cup of coffee or cocoa at the Snow Warriors' clubhouse and then explore more than 160 miles of groomed trails in the popular winter sports area around Lincoln. Eight major trail systems start right in town where sledding is permitted on streets and roads. Head over Huckleberry Pass to another 230 miles of groomed trails in the Seeley Lake area.	Lincoln, 4,575'; trails to 8,200'	160 miles
Virginia City/Ennis 15	Ennis is on U.S. 287, 45 miles south of I-90 and 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park, in southwest Montana. Virginia City is 14 miles west of Ennis on U.S. 287.	One of Montana's most popular summer attractions, the restored gold mining camp of Virginia City is a treasure in winter. An 1863 gold strike lured thousands of fortune seekers to its main street, Alder Gulch. Sledding is permitted in town and building tours may be arranged for groups. Within sledding distance of town is a trail system that opens up the Gravelly Range.	Virginia City, 5,822'; trails to 8,000'	130 miles
Wisdom 16	Junction of MT 43 and Route 278, west of I-15, in extreme southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Butte.	Cold, dry powder snow comes early and stays late, assuring great sledding. If you seek challenge and solitude and don't mind sharing the trails with moose, elk and other wintering wildlife, Wisdom is the place for you. There are friendly folks in town to keep you company after the sun goes down, plus hot springs resorts and downhill and cross-country skiing nearby.	Wisdom, 6,058'; trails to 7,500'	150 miles

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The snowmobile trailhead is eight miles southeast of the city center and has ample parking. 40 miles of marked and groomed trails lead to Champion Pass, the Continental Divide, Leadville, White Horse and other points of interest.	Food, lodging, fuel and vehicle repair in Deer Lodge. Snowmobile repair in Butte, 40 miles east.	**Deerlodge Ranger District, Deerlodge National Forest,** 91 N. Frontage Rd., Deer Lodge, MT 59722, 406-846-1770; **Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club,** Box 44, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
Trails to the ghost town of Coolidge and the Elkhorn Mine. Major groomed trails heading west tie into the **Wisdom** trail system at Bear Lake (see Wisdom), and head north to the **Wise River** trail system (see Wise River). Heading south to **Reservoir Lake** you can join the trails of the Salmon, Idaho snowmobiling club.	Food, lodging and cross-country ski trails are available at Elkhorn Hot Springs and Grasshopper Inn. Hot tubs and snowmobile rental at Grasshopper Inn. Swimming at Elkhorn. Food, fuel, lodging and snowmobile sales and service in nearby Dillon. Rental Forest Service cabins at Bear Lake and Reservoir Lake.	**Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead National Forest,** 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-3900; **Beaverhead Sno-Riders,** Box 867, Dillon, MT 59825, 406-683-6333 or 406-683-2205
The core of this trail system is the 31.5-mile **Garnet National Winter Recreation Trail,** which takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and the surrounding area. Secondary trails, including **First Chance Gulch, Top O'Deep, Chamberlain Creek,** take recreationists to higher elevations.	There are no commercial services in Garnet. Cabin rentals are available through the Garnet Preservation Association. A full range of services, including snowmobile sales, rentals and service, are available in Missoula, 30 miles west of MT 200 and at Seeley Lake. Food and lodging are also available in Drummond off I-90 south of Garnet. Guided tours available.	**Garnet Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management,** 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3914; **Garnet Preservation Association,** Box 8531, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-1031; **Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau,** 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
Four major trail systems include **Carp Ridge,** which ends at the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness boundary; **Peterson Meadows,** a popular spot for cookouts and picnics; **Red Lion Racetrack Lake** with ridgetop views of surrounding peaks; and **Echo Lake,** halfway between Georgetown Lake and Discovery Basin ski area. Another popular trail is **Storm Lake.**	Snowmobile sales and service are available in nearby Philipsburg and Anaconda. Fuel, food and lodging are available at Georgetown Lake and in Philipsburg and Anaconda. Guided tours may be arranged through the Anaconda Snowmobile Club.	**Philipsburg Ranger District, Deerlodge National Forest,** Box H, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-3211; **Anaconda Snowmobile Club,** 1919 W. Park, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-8182
There are three major trail systems, all within a 30-minute drive of Helena. The **Marysville** area has 45 miles of groomed trails. Just 10 miles from Helena is the **Minnehaha-Rimini** area with 120 miles of groomed trails Northeast of Helena, there are 45 miles of groomed trails in the **Magpie-Sunshine** area that include inspiring views of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in Helena. Guided tours may be arranged through the Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.	**Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest,** 2001 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-5490; **Helena Snowdrifters,** 1813 N. Oakes, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-2685; **Helena Chamber of Commerce,** 201 E. Lyndale, Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120
Popular trails include scenic **Huckleberry Pass,** which connects two extensive trail systems in **Lincoln** and **Seeley Lake; Dalton Mountain,** an easy trail with lots of play areas ; **Keep Cool,** a scenic lake tour; and **Alice Creek,** a scenic route with play areas. There are a few restricted areas but lots of play areas and plenty of variety for all skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, rentals and service, lodging and food are all available in Lincoln. Guided tours can be arranged through the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club.	**Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest,** Box 219 Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4265; **Ponderosa Snow Warriors,** Box 955, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4230 or 362-4527
The 54-mile **Gravelly Range** trail system in the Beaverhead National Forest follows Alder Gulch Canyon and leads you to old mining claims and the ghost town of Summit City. Side trips include the **Bachelor Creek Loop, Clover Meadows** and **Axolotl Lake.** Experienced snowmobilers may sled to seven high mountain lakes with high rock faces in the **Meadow Creek** area. **Antelope Basin/MT 87** can be accessed from Cliff Lake Lodge for 75 miles groomed trail.	Food, fuel and lodging, snowmobile rentals and service available in Ennis. Bed & breakfast in Virginia City.	**Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead National Forest,** 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-4253; **Madison Valley Snow Snakes,** Box 106, Cameron, MT 59720, 406-682-7152; **Outback and Beyond Trail Club,** Box 1314, Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-7335; **Vigilante Snowmobilers,** Box 145, Virginia City, MT 59755, 406-843-5484 or 682-7755
Join the popular **Wise River-Polaris Trail** (see Dillon) and **Wise River** trails (see Wise River) or the **Steel Creek** trails just east of Wisdom. Or head west on the **Gibbonsville Road,** which continues all the way to Salmon, Idaho. The **Placer Creek Trail** crosses the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass and drops into the Bitterroot Valley. Snowmobilers will also enjoy the Stewart Meadow Complex in this system.	Snowmobile sales and service in Jackson, 15 miles south. Food and lodging in Wisdom and Jackson.	**Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead National Forest,** Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243; **Big Hole Snowmobile Club,** Box 141, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3400

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Wise River 17	MT 43, 12 miles west of I-15 between Butte and Dillon. Nearest airport is Butte.	In December, snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park. Choose one of the many trails within the system, rent a cabin at the end of the trail, or ride your snowmobile to nearby Maverick Mountain for an afternoon of downhill skiing. Snowmobiling is permitted in the town of Wise River.	Wise River 5,500'; trails to 8,000'	150 miles
Big Timber 18	I-90 between Bozeman and Billings in south-central Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 60 miles west.	Glide along a river, through a canyon to the old mining town of Independence and over 25 miles of groomed trail south of Big Timber in the scenic Boulder River Valley. Surrounded on three sides by designated wilderness, the Boulder Canyon Trail follows a beautiful roaded corridor that divides the towering peaks of the Absaroka and Beartooth ranges.	Big Timber 4,072'; trails to 9,000'	34 miles
Bozeman/ Big Sky 19	Southwest Montana on I-90 between Billings and Butte. Fly into Bozeman. Drive I-90 east-west or U.S. 191/287 north-south.	Bozeman is perfectly located for the winter sports lover. Close to unlimited snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and within minutes of some of Montana's finest downhill and cross-country skiing, Bozeman is a prime winter destination. The park lies just 90 miles south through the scenic Gallatin River Canyon. You can sled most of the way on the popular Big Sky Snowmobile Trail.	Bozeman, 4,755'; trails to 9,500'	200 miles
Cooke City/ Silver Gate 20	Extreme south-central Montana on U.S. 212. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 140 miles northwest on I-90, U.S. 89 and Mammoth-Cooke City highway. Car access is through northern Yellowstone National Park. U.S. 212, east of Cooke City, is closed in winter.	A friendly community of "80 people, dogs, moose and an occasional bison." Gateway to Yellowstone and the spectacular Beartooth high country, Cooke City/Silver Gate enjoys perhaps the longest winter sports season in Montana. The makers of both Yamaha and Arctic Cat snowmobiles have chosen the area as a test site and promotional film location for their machines.	Cooke City, 7,600'; trails to 10,000'	60 miles
Livingston 21	Junction of I-90 and U.S. 89 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, about 30 minutes west on I-90.	Two of Montana's most spectacular mountain ranges—the Absarokas and the Crazies—provide a majestic setting for the Yellowstone River community of Livingston. Winter recreationists are equally drawn to the forested canyons and top-of-the-world views.	Livingston, 4,489'; trails to 7,800'	84 miles
West Yellowstone/ Gardiner 22	West Yellowstone is at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park at the junction of U.S. 191/ 287 and U.S. 20. Gardiner is on U.S. 89 north of Yellowstone. Nearest airport is Bozeman.	West Yellowstone tops every snowmobiler's dream list of places to go. The trail system begins right in town, where snowmobilers share city streets with motorists. Choose from 200 miles of groomed trails inside the park or 400 miles outside. The town of Gardiner is just outside the park's North Entrance, which is another access point to park trails.	West Yellowstone, 6,666'; trails to 10,000'	600 miles
Kings Hill/ Little Belts 23	U.S. 89 between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs in central Montana. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 65 miles north and Helena, 110 miles southwest on U.S. 89 and 12.	With plenty of space, an abundance of powder and miles of separate trails, Kings Hill is one of Montana's most popular sports areas. Showdown, Silver Crest cross-country ski area and the trailhead to more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are all within a mile of one another in the Little Belt Mountains south of Great Falls.	7,000' at parking lot; trails to 8,000'	200 miles

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Trails include **Quartz Hill**, leading to a massive, high plateau; **Anderson Meadows**, which leads to backcountry lakes and a rental cabin. **Pattengail** travels eight miles to Pattengail Falls. **Lacy Creek** has 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to five high mountain lakes. Other trails are **Bryant Creek** and the **Highline** with cabin rental available.	Snowmobile sales and service in Wise River. Fuel, food and lodging in Wise River and on the Wise River-Polaris trail. Guided tours may be arranged through the Wise River Jackpine Savages Snowmobile Club.	**Wise River Ranger District**, Beaverhead National Forest, Box 100, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3178; **Wise River Jackpine Savages**, Box 115, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3258
Two trails provide plenty of variety in the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber. The 25-mile **Boulder Canyon Trail** takes snowmobilers to bowls, meadows and the abandoned mining town of Independence. The upper seven miles are moderate to difficult. Shorter and easier is the **East Boulder-Dry Fork Trail** with extensive play areas along its seven-mile length.	Snowmobile sales and service, food and lodging are available in Big Timber.	**Big Timber Ranger District**, Gallatin National Forest, Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5155; **Sweet Grass County Recreation Association**, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5319
Included in the system is the 120-mile **Big Sky Snowmobile Trail** between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Five access routes make shorter loops for easier rides. **Buck Creek Ridge**, off U.S. 191 south of Big Sky, provides miles of excellent play area. Forest Service rental cabin on top of Yellow Creek Divide. North of town are the **Brackett-Fairy Lake** and **Olsen Creek-Bangtail Ridge** trails.	A full range of services is available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon. Lodging and food range from modest to elegant. All makes of snowmobiles are sold and serviced. Rentals are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon at Big Sky. Guided tours can be arranged through rental operators or the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association.	**Bozeman Ranger District**, Gallatin National Forest, 3710 Fallon St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920; **Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association**, 409 S. Grand, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-3437; **Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce**, Box B, 1205 E. Main St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-5421.
Popular connecting trails are **Daisy Pass Road**, **Lulu Pass Road**, **Round Lake** and **Henderson Mountain**. The Cooke City trail system connects with 50 miles of groomed trails in Wyoming.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, lodging and food are available in Cooke City. Shuttle service between Cooke City and Mammoth is available for snowmobilers. Guided tours may be arranged through the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club.	**Gardiner Ranger District**, Gallatin National Forest, Box 5, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375; **Yellowstone National Park**, WY, 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206; **Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club**, Box 1037, Cooke City, 59020, 406-838-2246
20-mile **Shields Loop**, with Forest Service cabin rental nearby; the 15-mile **Cottonwood/Trespass Trail**; the **Ibex Cabin Trail**, also with Forest Service cabin rental; the **Mill Creek**; and the **Rock Creek South**, with trails for a variety of skill levels.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus a full range of food and lodging are available in Livingston. Rentals are available in Gardiner and at Mmmoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park, about an hour south of Livingston on U.S. 89. Guided tours may be arranged through the Big Sky Snowriders Snowmobile Club.	**Livingston Ranger District**, Gallatin National Forest, Route 62, Box 3197, Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1892; **Big Sky Snowriders**, 318 S. 5th St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1863 or 222-2676; **Livingston Chamber of Commerce**, 212 W. Park St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-0850
All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles. Ride from West Yellowstone to the **Grand Loop**, which takes you to Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake, Norris Geyer Basin and many other of the park's favorite attractions. There are also hundreds of miles of trails in the Gallatin, Beaverhead and Targhee forests in this system.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner. Guided tours and packages are also available. Inside the park, lodging, food and fuel are available.	**West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce**, Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7701; **Hebgen Lake Ranger District**, Gallatin National Forest, Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369; **Yellowstone National Park**, WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206
Popular loop trails are **Divide Road**, **Kings Hill** and **Big Loop**, all with big powder play areas and unforgettable vistas that stretch all the way to the peaks of Yellowstone National Park. Joining Kings Hill from the east is the **Little Belt Trail**, which starts south of Utica. The trail follows the South Fork of the Judith into South Fork Canyon and then to large hill climbing and play areas on Russian Flats and Musselshell Hill.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus food and lodging in Great Falls and Lewistown. Snowmobile rentals and lunch at Showdown. Fuel, food and lodging in Lewistown, White Sulphur Springs, Monarch and Neihart. Guided tours available. A parking area, large enough to accommodate RVs is located on U.S. 89, with overflow parking in the area as well.	**Kings Hill Ranger District**, Lewis & Clark National Forest, 204 West Folsom, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361; **Great Falls Snowmobile Club**, Box 6032, Great Falls, MT 59406; **Little Belt Snowmobile Club**, Box 355, Hobson, MT 59452 or 648 N.E. Washington, Lewistown, MT 59457.

Montana Snowmobile Association

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Miles of sunlit, packed snow provide pathways to unlimited alpine beauty and exhilaration. Montana is fortunate to have a snowmobiling community that is active and enthusiastic about maintaining trails, hosting events and providing safety education. Their goal is to ensure that snowmobiling in Montana stays a fun, safe, enriching experience for everyone, from the first timer to the sledding veteran.

CONRAD ROWE

What Is M.S.A.? The Montana Snowmobile Association is an organization of individuals, snowmobiling clubs and businesses dedicated to ensuring snowmobiling in Montana is a quality experience for riders of all ages and abilities.

M.S.A. Is Fun. Along Montana's 3,700 miles of groomed trails, riders will find a winter full of variety. Scenic mountains and meadows provide the setting for ice fishing, fun rides and cook-outs. M.S.A. works hard so snowmobilers can play hard!

M.S.A. Helps Others. Volunteers donate their time to educate other riders in classes on safety, outdoor survival and avalanche awareness. Charity rides for Special Olympics, DARE and other worthy organizations provide a way for snowmobilers to get together and help others.

M.S.A. Helps Snowmobilers. M.S.A. stays active in the legislative process on issues affecting snowmobiling.

M.S.A. Forms Partnerships. M.S.A. works with several public agencies and private concerns to maximize efforts toward maintaining and improving snowmobiling in Montana. M.S.A. cooperates with the Forest Service, BLM, and state and private land managers to provide and enhance trail opportunities. Members also work with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks to promote safety and education, develop trail maps and support enforcement efforts.

M.S.A. Makes Connections. Publishing *M.S.A. News* and sponsoring delegates to the International Snowmobile Association convention are just two of the ways M.S.A. stays in touch with the local, national and global snowmobiling community.

For More Information:
M.S.A.
P.O. Box 3202
Great Falls, MT 59403

Yellowstone Tour & Travel

YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL

Add a day or more in Yellowstone Country to your ski vacation. Or make it your winter destination. Yellowstone in winter—an unbelievable wonderland. And there's no better way to enjoy it all than on a snowmobile. From the geysers and animals in Yellowstone to the deep powder snow of the surrounding national forest, it's a feast for your eyes and senses. Come. Enjoy.

GARRY WUNDERWALD

Location: West Yellowstone is the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, located on Montana's southern border near Wyoming and Idaho. Fly to Bozeman. Convenient daily bus service available for the 90-mile drive through beautiful Gallatin Canyon.

Season: Yellowstone National Park is open to snowmobile traffic (no automobiles allowed except for short northern route) from mid-December through early March. Snowmobiling in the surrounding national forests is available earlier and later.

Total Area: Snowmobiles are permitted only on groomed trails within Yellowstone's 3,400 square miles. In the national forests, riding is allowed both on and off trails on thousands of additional square miles.

Trails: Yellowstone National Park has more than 200 miles of well-marked and patrolled trails. An additional 250 miles outside of the park in Montana interconnect with hundreds of miles groomed by the state of Idaho.

Guide Service: Full-day starting at $150 per guide per day.

Instruction: Non-snowmobilers are encouraged to come! Machine operation is simple. Full instruction given to each person renting a snowmobile.

Vacation Packages: Full snowmobile packages, beginning day of your choice, include lodging, use of snowmobile, guide service, rental snowmobile clothing and one prime rib dinner. Packages start at four nights/three days. For reservations, contact your travel agent or Yellowstone Tour & Travel.

Lodging Only: Comfortable accommodations in West Yellowstone at the Yellowstone Resort and Conference Hotel and Three Bear Lodge/Restaurant. Fully carpeted rooms feature color/cable television, room phones and full baths. Each property has an indoor whirlpool.

Daily Snowmobile Rentals: We have a wide selection of rental snowmobiles featuring Arctic Cat, Yamaha and Polaris. Choose from 15 different models, from standard through high performance. Machines are equipped with handwarmers and many with luggage racks. Our wide selection allows guests to choose the model that fits their budget on either a single or double riding machine. Discounts (except holiday periods) offered to guests having a valid ski lift ticket from any Montana ski area. Daily round-trip bus service operates from Big Sky Ski Resort, 50 miles north. Snowmobile suit, boots, gloves, helmet and stocking pullover face mask at $15 per day. All rates subject to 3% tax.

Snowcoach Touring: New, heated 12-passenger vans have been converted to snowcoaches with skis instead of tires for smooth gliding over the snow. This is a great way to see Yellowstone, its animals and geological formations in winter. Bring cold-weather clothes and boots for brief walks to points of interest and to lunch breaks at restaurants. Trips are available to Old Faithful and to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

For More Information:
Yellowstone Tour & Travel
P.O. Box 369
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-221-1151

Big Western Pine Motel

Every season presents a new Yellowstone to be explored and enjoyed. Sightseeing, fishing, horseback riding, boating and river rafting in the summer. Skiing, snowmobiling, dog sledding and snowcoach excitement in the winter. Spectacular colors in the fall and the magical rebirth in spring. Explore the wonderland of Yellowstone and come to your home away from home at The Big Western Pine. Comfortable beds, phones, cable TV and tub/shower combinations provide relaxing evening accommodations. Frolic in the large heated pool in the summer or indulge in a long soak in the hot tub year-round.

The Rustler's Roost Restaurant will tempt your appetite with wild game entrees and just plain good cooking. Spectacular mountain views offer complimentary sunrises with breakfast and sunsets with dinner. Enjoy the pleasant decor and cocktails at the Rustler's Roost Lounge for just that extra bit of relaxation.

Think of us when choosing snowmobile or snowcoach rentals...or the excitement of a dog sled ride. The Big Western Pine offers the best in snowmobile rentals, clothing, guide service and complete tour packages.

Open year-round, The Big Western Pine is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

For more information:
The Big Western Pine
P.O. Box 67
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7622

Loon's Echo Resort

Loon's Echo Resort, nestled at the base of 7,338-foot Stryker Peak, on the shores of 40-acre Fish Lake, is a Montana winter wonderland.

Our fully equipped houses and cabins enable you to ski or snowmobile out your front door into the magnificence of the Glacier Outback area, just west of Glacier National Park.

Ice skating, sledding and ice fishing are just some of the activities you can enjoy without even leaving the property. Perhaps a dog sled ride or downhill skiing at nearby Big Mountain, followed by a relaxing soak in our whirlpool would be more appealing.

The only private property in the Stillwater State Forest, Loon's Echo offers cozy accommodations for one to ten people and specializes in groups of up to 30. The Grizzly Barn is our alternative for meetings, family reunions and large parties. Its 4,800 square feet is perfect for groups of from 20 to 150 people.

Whether you are interested in a romantic weekend of peace and seclusion snuggling up by the fire, or an action-packed winter getaway far from the crowds, Loon's Echo is where dreams come true.

For more information:
Loon's Echo Resort
One Fish Lake Road
Stryker, MT 59933
406-882-4791
FAX 406-882-4676

Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals Inc.

Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals and the City Center Motel are your headquarters for a fun-filled winter vacation to Yellowstone! Come and see our area at its most majestic time of year.

We are in the heart of West Yellowstone. Snowmobile right from our front door to the park entrance, or enjoy hundreds of miles of groomed trails outside the park boundaries. Stay at our two-diamond, AAA rated motel with new rooms, hot tub and party room.

We have brand new Polaris and Arctic Cat snowmobiles every season with a wide range of models to accommodate all types of riders from the pros to the first-timer. Rendezvous Snowmobiles has the combination for you. Complete clothing packages are available as well. Don't forget to ask about our group, off-season and skier discounts!

Give us a call and let our friendly and experienced staff help you to plan a winter getaway you will never forget! No hassles. No worries. Guaranteed!

For more information:
Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals
429 Yellowstone Avenue
P.O. Box 580
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-426-7669 or 406-646-9564

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ACCOMMODATIONS/SERVICES

GUEST RANCHES & RESORTS

COVERED WAGON RANCH. Accommodating guests since 1925. Three miles from northwest corner of Yellowstone Park. Tracked and ski touring through open meadows, rolling terrain, forested canyons and mountain slopes for telemarking. Downhill is just 23 miles away. Warm log cabins, private bath, central dining, family style meals, recreation hall with fireplace, airport transportation. American and European Plan rates. 34035TM Gallatin Road, Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730, 406-995-4237

FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS. Just 32 miles east of Discovery Basin is Montana's favorite family resort. Affordable rates plus all the amenities. After a day on the slopes, indulge in all that makes Fairmont so inviting—dining room, coffee shop, lounge with live entertainment, massage studio, two Olympic-sized pools and two soaking pools all filled with natural hot springs water, plus a 350-foot water slide. Reservations: 1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda, MT 59711, 800-332-3272 (in MT) or 800-443-2381 (outside)

LAUGHING WATER RANCH. Cozy retreat near the choice snow of the Ten Lakes Scenic Area and the Canadian border. Lodge has large fireplaces, deluxe rooms, recreation/game room, and hot tub under the stars. Year-round activities include summer dude ranch. The Northwest's best-kept secret. Package/group rates. U.S. Hwy. 93, Box 157M, Fortine, MT 59918, 800-847-5095 or 406-882-4680

LOST TRAIL HOT SPRINGS RESORT. Ski Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph Cross-Country ski trails just six miles from our resort in the Bitterroot Valley. Lodging in private cabins, motel, condo units with room for large groups. Restaurant, lounge/casino and store are in our alpine lodge. You can experience all winter sports and after a full day relax in our natural hot spring pool and hot tub or enjoy a favorite beverage by the fireplace. 8221 U.S. Hwy. 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 800-825-3574 or 406-821-3574

MARINA CAY RESORT. Spacious condo accommodations, luxury dining at Quincy's Restaurant, Champs Sports Pub, hot tub, meeting rooms. Within driving distance to snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and 45 minutes to The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Enjoy Christmas in Bigfork, a charming village with unique shops. 180 Vista Lane, Box 663, Bigfork, MT 59911, 800-433-6516 (in MT), 800-433-6516 (outside) or 406-837-5861, FAX 406-837-1118

320 RANCH RESORT. A full-service Western resort on the Gallatin River, offering deluxe accommodations from one-room cabins to three-bedroom homes. The ranch offers sleigh rides, Nordic skiing, winter trail rides and snowmobiling. Shuttle service to and from Big Sky Ski Resort. Outstanding food and warm Western hospitality are 320 trademarks, we are proud to offer a unique first-class Western experience to our guests. Full package plan available as well as nightly rates. Twelve miles south of Big Sky. Reservations: 800-243-0320 or 406-995-4283

LODGING

ANACONDA

SEVEN GABLES RESORT. At Georgetown Lake on MT 1. Convenient to snowmobiling, ice fishing, downhill skiing and cross-country skiing. Just 3 1/2 miles from the parking lot of Discovery Basin Ski Area. Ski packages available. Snowmobile or cross-country ski from the doorstep of the motel. Kitchenettes and deluxe log cabin that sleeps eight. Satellite TV and telephones in rooms. Restaurant, bar, grocery store, gas. Major credit cards. 800-472-6940 or 406-563-5052

BIG SKY

BEST WESTERN BUCK'S T-4. A warm, welcoming blaze in the stone hearth, big game trophies and antique sporting gear hint at Buck's T-4's beginnings as a hunting and fishing lodge. Richly appointed guest rooms in a country decor make Buck's T-4 the right place at the right price for your next winter vacation! Just minutes from Big Sky slopes and Gallatin National Forest snowmobile trailheads. Kids 12 and younger stay free! Packages available. U.S. Hwy. 191, Box 160279, Big Sky, MT, 800-822-4484 (outside MT), 406-995-4111, FAX 406-995-2191

BIG SKY CENTRAL RESERVATIONS. The cornerstone of Big Sky Resort are the deluxe slopeside accommodations. Choose from numerous condominiums as well. Swimming pools, Jacuzzis, health club, gift shops, massage therapy. Ask about Big Sky's Great Ski Weeks Packages as low as $212 per person, double occupancy, 4 nights/3 days. 406-995-5000 or 800-548-4486

BIG SKY CHALET RENTALS. Accommodations for the most intimate party to the largest ski group with a wide selection of accommodations priced from $85 per unit. Each unit has a full kitchen, fireplace, phone and cable TV. Heated swimming pools, hot tubs, saunas, washers and dryers are available. From the Mountain Village to the Meadow Village, we can help with all your vacation needs. Weekly discounts. 800-845-4428 or 406-995-2665

BIG SKY CONDOMINIUM MANAGEMENT. Friendly staff will work with you to arrange the best accommodations to suit your needs and budget. Properties range from economy studios and lofts with full kitchens, cable TV and telephones to luxury log homes and chalets, complete with private Jacuzzis, wood decks, fireplaces and spectacular views. Box 160056, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-831-3509 or 406-995-4560

GOLDEN EAGLE MANAGEMENT. The biggest rental selection of condominiums, homes and chalets at affordable rates. Mountain accommodations range from budget studios to deluxe four-bedroom ski-in/ski-out chalets with private hot tubs. Meadow Village offers shuttles to the lifts and a variety of one- to five-bedroom condos and furnished homes. Discounts available on airfares and car rentals. Box 160008, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-548-4488, FAX 406-995-2447 (nationwide and Canada)

RAINBOW RANCH LODGE. Bed & breakfast on the Gallatin River. The ultimate in seclusion and privacy at affordable prices. Less than 15 miles from alpine and cross-country skiing; access to snowmobile trails. Bountiful breakfast buffet, outdoor Jacuzzi, lounge with fireplace, games and videos and some evening meals. Enjoy friendly hospitality, a room with a view and private bath...just minutes from your favorite outdoor activity. Box 160336, Big Sky, MT 59716, 406-995-4132

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TRIPLE CREEK REALTY & MANAGEMENT. Big Sky's most outstanding condominiums in all sizes and price ranges for a perfect ski vacation. From exquisite ski-in/ski-out Arrowhead condominiums with 3 to 4 bedrooms/baths and in-house Jacuzzis, to the completely redecorated, economical Stillwater studios, the very best accommodations are guaranteed. Most condominiums feature in-house Jacuzzis or recreation centers, cable TVs, microwave ovens, ski shuttle and much more! Box 160219, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-548-4632, FAX 406-995-2393

BOZEMAN

BEST WESTERN GRANTREE INN. Located just off the interstate, a short 15-minute drive from Bridger Bowl and a 45-minute drive to Big Sky Ski Resort. Offering true Montana hospitality with full-service dining, lounge and casino, indoor pool and Jacuzzi, laundry facility plus 103 comfort-filled rooms. Special ski packages offered. Shuttle service to Bridger Bowl. For reservations or information, call 800-624-5865.

BRIDGER BOWL. Bridger Bowl offers a 12-month reservation service to all out-of-town skiers. On-mountain lodges, private homes, condominiums and bed & breakfasts are available for rent on a limited basis. Many are ski-accessible from the mountain. Reservations and ski package programs are available with many fine motels and bed & breakfast inns in the town of Bozeman, just 16 miles from Bridger Bowl. 800-223-9609 (nationwide and Canada) or 406-587-2111

HOLIDAY INN-BOZEMAN. Bozeman's finest! Fifteen minutes from world-class skiing at Bridger Bowl and 45 minutes from Big Sky, Holiday Inn features Bozeman's finest accommodations and is convenient to Yellowstone snowmobiling and winter touring. The hotel features deluxe rooms, large indoor pool, relaxing Jacuzzi, exercise room, game room, complimentary airport transportation, Cantrell's Restaurant and Lounge and meeting facilities. Ski packages available. 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715, 800-366-5101 or 406-587-4561, FAX 406-587-4413

ACCOMMODATIONS/SERVICES

INTERMOUNTAIN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/ SOUTHWEST MONTANA GUEST HOMES. Relax in one of our many unique guest homes situated throughout Yellowstone Country. There are homes to fit every vacation plan. Easy access to skiing, hiking, fishing and Yellowstone National Park. 611 W. Main, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-1503

BUTTE

BEST WESTERN COPPER KING INN. Forty-five miles from Discovery Basin. Play tennis in the Rockies on indoor tennis courts. Spacious, updated rooms, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, fitness room. Enjoy fine dining and warm hospitality in the newly remodeled dining area or lively entertainment, satellite TV, poker and keno in Jox Sports & Spirits. Kids stay free. Exit 127, I-90, 4655 Harrison Avenue, Butte, MT 59701, 800-332-8600

COLUMBIA FALLS

BAD ROCK COUNTRY BED & BREAKFAST. Come and be pampered after a wonderful day in the snow. Bad Rock Country Bed & Breakfast is an elegant country home on 30 acres, four luxurious rooms with fireplaces in new log cottages, four rooms in the main home, beautiful Old West antiques. Secluded hot tub with time reserved for each guest. Fantastic breakfasts, superb hospitality. Inspected and approved by AAA, ABBA and MBBA. 480 Bad Rock Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 800-422-3666

COOKE CITY

HIGH COUNTRY MOTEL. Twelve units open in the winter including three cabins, nine motel rooms (four with kitchenettes, one with fireplace). Snowmobile and cross-country ski right from your front door. Fifty-two miles of groomed trails, lots of snow from November to April. Box 1146, U.S. Hwy. 212, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2272

DEBORGIA

HOTEL ALBERT BED & BREAKFAST. Historic, cozy, friendly and affordable. Delightful breakfasts. Non-smoking premises. Four bedrooms with antiques and quilts. Ideal for small groups and families. Near Lookout Pass for both downhill and cross-country skiing. Miles of snowmobile trails starting at the front porch. Reservations are suggested, but drop-ins are welcome. MBBA-inspected and approved. Just off I-90 (Exit 18) on the western edge of Montana. Box 300186, DeBorgia, MT 59830, 406-678-4303

HAMILTON/BITTERROOT VALLEY

BROAD AXE LODGE. Twelve miles north of Lost Trail Powder Mountain downhill/cross-country and Chief Joseph cross-country ski areas. Relaxing atmosphere on the Bitterroot River surrounded by national forest. Perfect snowmobiling country. Cabins are spacious with baths and kitchens. Dining room and lounge feature warm-up drinks, fresh salad bar, homemade breads and desserts. View big game grazing on hillsides. An official Montana Wildlife Viewing Area. Attractive winter rates. 1237 East Fork Road, Sula, MT 59871, 406-821-3878

SCOTT SPIKER

CAMP CREEK INN BED & BREAKFAST GUEST RANCH. Nine miles north of Lost Trail Powder Mountain downhill and cross-country ski area. Good snowmobiling nearby. Ski and Stay packages include hearty Western breakfast, room or cabin with kitchen. 7674 U.S. Hwy. 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 800-351-3508 or 406-821-3508

HAMILTON SUPER 8. Two Jacuzzi suites, outside outlets, coffee, juice and doughnuts. Just 45 minutes to Lost Trail Powder Mountain, Chief Joseph cross-country trails, and Lost Trail Hot Springs. Snowmobiling nearby. Free local calls, 20-person capacity meeting room, and 24-hour desk. 1325 N. 1st, Hamilton, MT 59840, 800-800-8000 or 406-363-2940, FAX 406-363-2940

PAINTED ROCK LODGE. Open year-round. On the banks of the West Fork River 1/2 mile from Painted Rock Lake. Thirty minutes to Lost Trail ski area. Log home with large deck, interior completely finished in Southwest style, three bedrooms, three baths, large kitchen, family and dining rooms, cable TV, VCR, phone, spa, pantry, washer/dryer. Other units are available. All units together accommodate up to 26 persons. Box 791, Darby, MT 59829, 406-349-2146

HELENA

Montana's capital offers a full range of hotels, motels and bed & breakfast inns. Many national chains are represented. Five Helena properties offer indoor swimming pools. For information about lodging, write or call Great Divide, Box SKI, Marysville, MT 59640, 406-449-3746

KALISPELL

AERO INN. Ideal for skiers and snowmobilers looking for clean, comfortable, affordable accommodations. An easy drive to The Big Mountain as well as to several cross-country and snowmobile areas. Beautiful indoor pool, Jacuzzi and sauna, free continental breakfast, no charge for local calls. $32/person/night. Group rates, lift tickets and snowmobile packages available, free ski shuttle for guests. 1830 U.S. Hwy. 93 S, Kalispell, 59901,800-843-6114 (U.S. & Canada), FAX 406-752-1304

BEST WESTERN OUTLAW INN. After a tough day on the slopes or enjoying a wealth of other winter activities, you are welcome at the Best Western Outlaw Inn! Centrally located accommodations feature 220 rooms, Jacuzzis, indoor pools, fitness center, Hennessey's Restaurant, mini-casino, lounge and complimentary shuttle to the slopes. Rates from $62 to $103. Ask about ski and snowmobile packages. Reservations: 1710 U.S. Hwy. 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-237-7445 or 406-755-6100

BLUE & WHITE MOTEL. Open year-round. Cable TV, direct-dial phones, free Continental breakfast, wake-up calls. Indoor pool, sauna, Jacuzzi. Disabled access, ample truck, trailer and bus parking. Major credit cards. 640 E. Idaho, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-382-3577(reservations only) or 406-755-4311, FAX 406-755-4330

ACCOMMODATIONS/SERVICES

FRIENDSHIP INN MOTEL. The Friendship Inn Motel features 30 rooms, including 22 kitchenettes. Each room is ground floor with a parking space by the door. Direct-dial phones, cable TV, queen beds, video rentals and coffee. Outdoor hot tub. 1009 U.S. Hwy. 2E, Kalispell,MT 59901, 800-759-2576 or 406-257-7155, FAX 406-257-7170

LAKESIDE RESORT MOTEL. Relax at the Lakeside Resort Motel on the west side of Flathead Lake. Motel (4 new units face the lake) and family units with fully equipped kitchens sleep from 2 to 10 people. Wood stoves, hot tub, cable TV, telephones. Winter rates. 5 miles to cross-country skiing, 25 miles from The Big Mountain downhill skiing. Fifteen miles south of Kalispell at Lakeside. Box 293, Lakeside, MT 59922, 800-348-4822 or 406-844-3570, FAX 406-844-2265

RIVER ROCK BED & BREAKFAST. Just 8 miles south of Whitefish, one of the most luxurious B & Bs in the Flathead. 36 acres with fabulous 360-degree panoramic view. Exquisite honeymoon suite with lavish tile and marble bath, 4-poster king bed. Two additional spacious, elegant guest rooms. Formal dining, 2 common living rooms, 3 decks, sound system, full gourmet breakfasts and afternoon refreshments. 179 Schrade Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-477-0699, 800-766-0863 (Canada) or 406-756-6901

LIVINGSTON

THE BEARTOOTH WILDERNESS LODGE, INC. Deluxe lodging for one couple at a time in a wilderness retreat. Perfect location for winter activities. Tours to Yellowstone National Park. Box 1038, Livingston, MT 59047, phone and FAX 406-220-2895

MISSOULA

4BS INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER. Ten miles from Snowbowl lift. Adjacent to 24-hour 4Bs Restaurant. Nice hot tub and solarium areas. Conference center has 8 meeting rooms, the largest will accommodate 200. Ski packages begin at $33.95, including ski lift tickets, lodging and shopping option. Entertainment and amenities nearby. 3803 Brooks, Missoula, MT 59801. Reservations or snow report: 800-272-9500

HOLIDAY INN MISSOULA-PARKSIDE. 200 well-appointed rooms with an atrium lobby, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool and an exercise room all accessible directly by the elevator. Excellent meals in your room or in the lovely Encore Restaurant. 200 S. Pattee St., Missoula, MT 59802, 800-399-0402 (in MT),800-399-0408 (outside) or 406-721-8550, FAX 406-721-7427

SOUTHGATE INN. Fifteen miles from Snowbowl lift, three blocks from the mall. Surrounded by restaurants, casinos and entertainment. Hot tub, exercise room, cable TV/HBO, free Continental breakfast, airport shuttle. Ski packages are available including lodging and lift tickets. Reservations: 3530 Brooks St., Missoula, MT 59801, 800-247-2616

SUPER 8 MOTEL-BROOKS STREET. Forty minutes from Snowbowl ski area. Closest motel in Missoula to Blue Mountain (5 miles), snowmobiling, and to Lolo Pass (45 minutes) cross-country skiing. Toast and pastry bar, outside outlets. Many restaurants nearby. Airport shuttle. Winter packages available. 3901 S. Brooks, 800-800-8000 or 406-251-2255, FAX 406-251-2989

SUPER 8 MOTEL-RESERVE STREET. Missoula's newest motel is just 20 minutes from Snowbowl ski area. Toast and pastry bar, hot tub, outside outlets, elevator. Triple unit and suite with in-room jet tub available. McDonald's, 4Bs, Joker's Wild restaurants within one block. Airport shuttle. Winter packages available. 4703 N. Reserve, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-800-8000 or 406-549-1199, FAX 406-549-0677

VILLAGE RED LION. Minutes from ski areas and snowmobile trails. Oversized beds and plush furnishings grace each of the Village Red Lion's 172 spacious guest rooms. The hotel features the Edgewater Restaurant and Lounge overlooking the Clark Fork River. Coffee shop, room service, gift shop, hair salon, abundant parking and courtesy car service to and from the airport. 100 Madison St., Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-3100

NEVADA CITY

JUST AN EXPERIENCE BED & BREAKFAST. Come experience Western hospitality at its finest in historic Alder Gulch! Relax in one of our three guest rooms (1 with private bath) or in a log cabin with kitchen and television. Close to excellent snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. Full breakfasts. Hosts - John and Carmen Sinerius. MT 287W, Nevada City, MT 59755, 406-843-5402 or 406-843-5445

POLARIS

GRASSHOPPER INN. Relax at the Grasshopper Inn and enjoy the scenery and peacefulness of the Pioneer Mountains before venturing out from the inn on 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails . Downhill skiing next door at Maverick Mountain or cross-country skiing from the inn. Relax in one of the hot tubs before enjoying a fine dinner and cocktails from our full-service restaurant. Snowmobile rental available. Box 460511, Polaris, MT 59746, 406-834-3456

RED LODGE

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GROUSE MOUNTAIN LODGE. Full-service conference resort featuring restaurant, lounge with entertainment, pool, sauna, whirlpools, and meeting facilities for up to 300 people. Located on a 15 km full-service cross-country ski area with 5 km lift for skiing. Complimentary scheduled shuttle to and from The Big Mountain Ski Resort and to and from the airport and Amtrak. 1205 U.S. Hwy. 93, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-321-8822 or 406-862-3000, FAX 406-862-0326

KANDAHAR LODGE. Montana's premier mountain lodge, rustic—yet elegant, is located in the village area at the base of The Big Mountain. European-style dining at the Cafe Kandahar. Two spa areas with saunas, Jacuzzis, phones, cable TV, laundry, beautiful sunken lobby with huge rock fireplace. Free shuttle. Kids 12 and under stay free. Ski to the door! It's what lodging should be. Box 1659, Whitefish, MT 59927, 800-858-5439 or 406-862-6098, FAX 406-862-6095

MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY MOTEL. One mile south of downtown Whitefish, just eight miles from The Big Mountain. Ski shuttle. Queen beds, remote cable TV large indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, guest laundry, and hospitality room. Restaurants, theaters and shopping nearby. $32-$55. Excellent ski packages. Children under 12 stay free. Box 338, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-543-8064, FAX 406-862-3103

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TENDERFOOT-HILAND MOTEL. Something to suit everyone's needs—individual cabins and kitchenettes in a rustic, yet modern facility. If wintertime fun is what you're after, we're only minutes from some of the best skiing and snowmobiling in the state. Group rates available. 301 W. Main, White Sulphur Springs 59645, 800-898-3303 or 406-547-3303

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ACCOMMODATIONS/SERVICES

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SNOWMOBILE RENTALS/SERVICE

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REDLINE SPORTS. Redline Sports is an authorized dealer for Polaris and Ski-Doo snowmobiles offering sales of new and used snowmobiles, a fully stocked parts and accessory department, as well as a service department staffed by three factory-trained technicians specializing in high altitude set-up. 2050 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701, 800-233-3884 or 406-782-9129, FAX 723-7928

ENNIS

MADISON VALLEY SNOWMOBILES. Rentals and repairs. Polaris models. Ride the Gravelleys on 150 miles of marked and groomed trails from Virginia City, West Fork, North Meadow, Reynolds Pass/Elk Lake area, or to your favorite location. Cabin rental available nightly or weekly. Guide service, delivery and pick-up available. Write or call for free brochure and trail map. 66 Varney Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-7808

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MONTANA SNOWMOBILE ADVENTURES. Snowmobile rentals located on Lewis & Clark National Forest at Showdown Ski Area with more than 240 miles of groomed trails. Featuring new Arctic Cat snowmobiles, full line of clothing rental available. Gasoline, oil, belts, parts and accessories at Showdown. Repair shop and service center in Neihart. Box 5, Neihart, MT 59465, 406-236-5358, FAX 406-236-5395

WEST GLACIER

MIDDLE FORK RECREATION. Middle Fork Recreation offers the best in snowmobile rentals in the Flathead Valley. Come see us for more winter thrills during your stay at The Big Mountain. You'll view breathtaking scenes of Glacier National Park and the Flathead Valley. Family fun at great rates! Kids under 10 ride free. Open seven days a week. Half-day and full-day tours. Box 381, West Glacier, MT 59936, 800-933-5133 or 406-387-5556 (summer 406-888-5427)

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YELLOWSTONE ADVENTURES. Featuring all new Ski-Doo snowmobiles every season. Professional and knowledgeable staff. Close to Yellowstone and local services. Full line of clothing rental, group and package rates. Exclusive Ski-Doo dealer providing sales, service and rentals. 131 Dunraven St., Box 669, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-231-5991 or 406-646-7735, FAX 406-646-608

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KEN SINAY'S NORTHERN ROCKIES NATURAL HISTORY. Join a Wildlife Biologist for safari-style expeditions throughout the Northern Yellowstone Region. These year-round single and multi-day wildlife, natural and cultural history field tours are educational and fun! Tours incorporate personalized backcountry guide service (geared toward your desires and abilities). Hike, cross-country ski, snowshoe and custom safari-style transport. All designed to observe wildlife and this unique region. Box 42, Bozeman, MT 59771, 406-586-1155

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ADVENTURES IN MONTANA, INC. Enjoy the ultimate in custom-designed winter vacations. Imagine a quaint log cabin on a lake with ice skating or fishing and snowmobiling right out your front door. Try our exciting snowmobiling, downhill and cross-country ski packages, or dog sledding trips with an overnight in a rustic log cabin with a fireplace. Top resorts booked as well. 800-473-4343 or 406-721-7600

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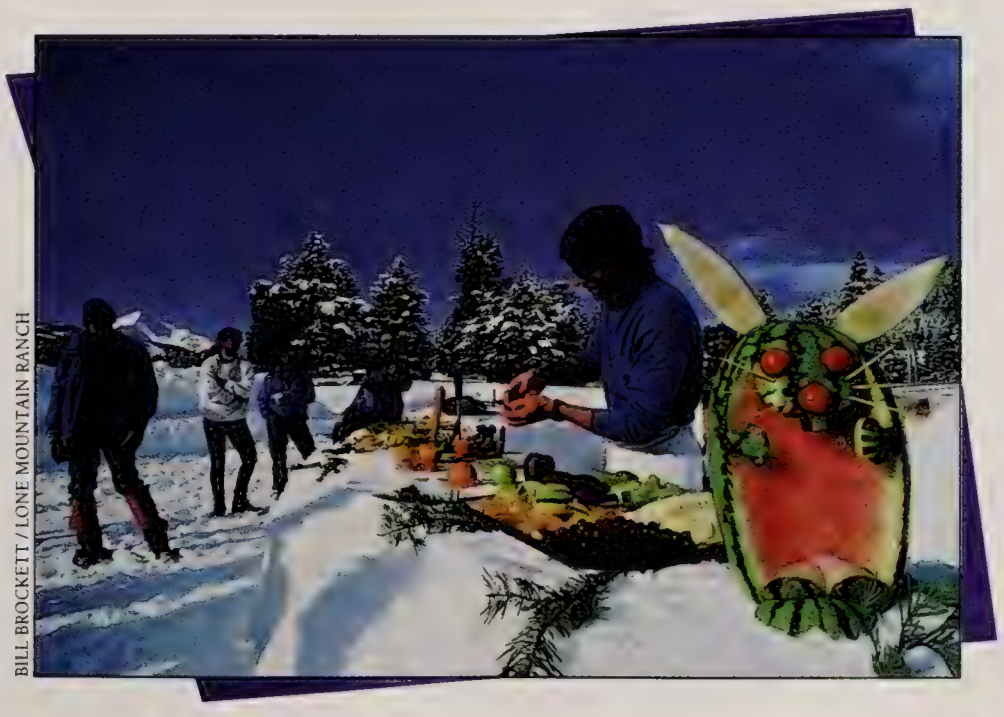
YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES. Yellowstone Snowcoach Tours provided by Yellowstone Alpen Guides. Daily scenic and cross-country skiing. Snowcoach tours departing from West Yellowstone, Montana to Old Faithful and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Tours are leisurely with ample opportunities for viewing and photographing the abundant wildlife, and for short walking tours through the geyser basins. Experienced guides. Special packages available. Box 518M, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-9591, FAX 406-646-9591



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Winter Recreation Safety Tips

Winter recreationists are drawn to the mountains of Montana because of the deep, dry powder, spectacular vistas and solitude they know they will find. But any mountains can be harsh and unforgiving in winter. Mountain weather is unpredictable. Fast-moving storms can appear out of nowhere. Heavy snow or sustained wind can create avalanche danger. Overexposure to the cold can result in hypothermia—the number one killer of outdoor recreationists. The following information on winter safety is offered in the hope that you will visit our state, have a safe trip and great vacation and come back again.

- Check the forecast before you leave.
- Pack enough extra clothing, food and gear for a possible overnight.
- Let someone know where you're going and when you intend to return.
- Travel in a group of at least three people and, if snowmobiling, two machines.
- Turn back if the weather looks bad.

Windchill

Wind can be a deadly enemy because of its cooling effect on already cold temperatures. This windchill chart illustrates the effect of wind and temperature on a dry, properly clothed person. If clothing is wet from perspiration or precipitation, the effect is even greater.

Wind Speed	Temperature(F)											
0	40	30	20	10	5	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
	Equivalent Chill Temperature											
5	35	25	15	5	0	-5	-15	-25	-35	-45	-55	-70
10	30	15	5	-10	-15	-20	-35	-45	-60	-70	-80	-95
15	25	10	-5	-20	-25	-30	-45	-60	-70	-85	-100	-110
20	20	5	-10	-25	-30	-35	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-120
25	15	0	-15	-30	-35	-45	-60	-75	-90	-105	-120	-135
30	10	0	-20	-30	-40	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-125	-140
35	10	-5	-20	-35	-40	-50	-65	-80	-100	-115	-130	-145
40	10	-5	-20	-35	-45	-55	-70	-85	-100	-115	-130	-150

Danger | Increased Danger (Skin may freeze within 1 minute) | Great Danger (Skin may freeze within 30 seconds)

Wind Speed Cooling Power of Wind Expressed as "Equivalent Chill Temperature"

Hazards & Risks

It is impossible to keep recreationists informed on the status of millions of acres of forest and thousands of miles of trails. Snow conditions can change dramatically from day to day, even hour to hour. Be on the lookout for rocks, stumps and fallen trees in all winter recreational activities. Other potential hazards include caves and overlooks, abandoned mining tunnels and shafts, decaying structures and equipment, contaminated water, changing weather conditions, landslides and avalanches, exhaustion and hypothermia.

Winter Weather

The winter recreation season generally extends from late November through March, with snow conditions improving as the season progresses. Temperatures can range from 50 degrees above zero to 50 below, but averages generally run from 20 to 35 degrees above zero, with mostly sunny skies. Storms can develop quickly and you should be prepared for them:

- Be in good physical condition when you set out.

Travel Advice from Montana's Snowplow Drivers

Montana keeps highways open throughout the winter, but travelers still face tough conditions at times. Montana's snowplow drivers offer this advice:

- **Visibility.** See and be seen. Keep your headlights and taillights clean, especially in stormy weather. Keep windows clean and make sure the defrosters work well. If snow has built up on your vehicle overnight or after a break from driving, clear it away so it doesn't blow off and cover your windows.
- **Interact** with other travelers and road conditions. Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and those around you. (That's possible in Montana.) Don't assume the other vehicle can or will stop at intersections—drive defensively. Test the road. Don't wait until you have to stop to test your traction. Watch for a safe place and then gently test your brakes. If road conditions seem to have changed, look for a safe place and test braking again.
- **Patience.** Give yourself extra time to travel in winter. Being in a hurry in a storm or on icy roads will surely get you in trouble. Passing when you can't see ahead and driving too fast for road conditions cause serious accidents in Montana each year.

Finally, leave the cruise control **off** for winter driving. It can accelerate your vehicle just as you hit a patch of ice or a slippery bridge deck (cold air circulating above and below can form ice on bridges). Your cruise control can send you flying—into the guardrail, the ditch or another car.

And be prepared with road and weather information before you set out on your way. Call **800 226 ROAD (7623)** from the U.S. or Canada for current Montana road and weather conditions.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is a loss of body temperature that is caused by exposure to cold and aggravated by wet, wind and exhaustion. If steps are not taken to raise the victim's body temperature, it leads to mental and physical collapse. Watch for these symptoms:

- Uncontrollable fits of shivering
- Vague, slow, slurred speech
- Memory lapses, incoherence
- Immobile, fumbling hands
- Frequent stumbling
- Drowsiness, exhaustion

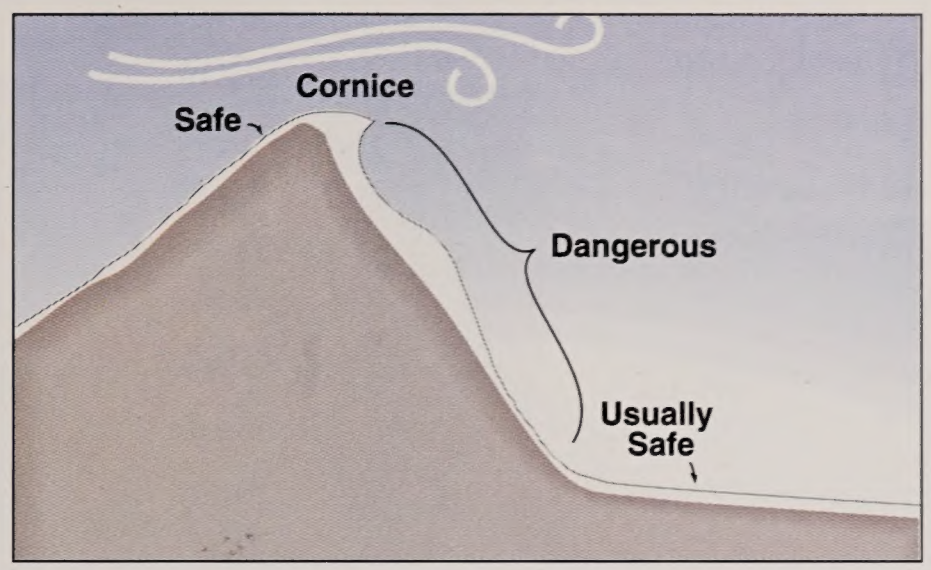
To avoid hypothermia, stay dry. Insulate your body against cold, wet weather by wearing wool and waterproof clothing, including a knit cap. Put it on before you start shivering. If your clothing isn't enough to keep you warm, then get out of the cold. If you can't get out, build a fire and make camp while you still have energy. Don't wait until you're exhausted.

To treat hypothermia, shelter the victim and remove all wet clothing. Get them into warm, dry clothes, a warm, dry sleeping bag and try to get warm liquids into their body. Keep the victim awake. If the victim becomes sick or unconscious, seek medical attention immediately.

Personal Responsibility

Winter recreationists have significant responsibility for their own personal safety.

- Snowmobilers must know how to operate their machines and should always drive safely and courteously.
- Snowmobilers should operate machines at safe speeds and be prepared to stop within one-half of the distance they can see when driving.
- Skiers and snowboarders should also keep safety in mind and should always stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Drinking doesn't mix with snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding or any other outdoor winter activity requiring clear judgement.
- Snowmobilers, skiers and snowboarders must yield to those who are moving slower.



Recreationists should limit activities to "safe" areas

Avalanche

Avalanche danger should not be taken lightly. A wall of moving, suffocating snow leaves few survivors in its wake. The best way to avoid an avalanche is to be knowledgeable of avalanche conditions and reroute your trip to avoid them. Avalanches occur when loose snow or a slab of snow starts moving down a slope. Avalanches are triggered by a variety of slope, snow and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human impact. Slope conditions to watch out for are steep slopes or smooth, open slopes. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

Avoid avalanches by staying away from mountainous terrain after heavy snowfall or prolonged periods of high wind. Avoid crossing steep side hills or entering narrow, steeply sided canyons. The safest routes are on ridgetops and on the windward side, away from cornices. The next safest route is out in the valley, far from the bottom of a slope.

If you are caught in an avalanche:

- Call out so other members of your party can track your location.
- If snowmobiling, discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile.
- Make swimming motions and try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.
- As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand, other part of your body or ski pole, above the surface.
- Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- Try not to panic; you need to conserve oxygen.

If you are a survivor, you are a victim's best hope of survival. Mark the place where you last saw the victim and keep your eyes fixed on the moving mass of snow in which he is trapped.

- Search for the victim directly downslope from the last sighted area when the snow stops moving.
- Use a ski pole or stick to probe the snow.
- Stay with the victim unless help is only a few minutes away; after 30 minutes, the victim has only a 50 percent chance of survival.
- If the victim is found, treat for hypothermia, suffocation and shock.

Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Advice on avalanche conditions is available at local forest service offices.

Avalanche Advisory

Northwest Montana
800-526-5329

Cooke City
406-838-2341

Southwest Montana
406-587-6981

West Yellowstone
406-646-7912

Lolo and Bitterroot National Forests
406-549-4488 or 800-281-1030

Winter Calendar of Events

November 1994

BALD EAGLE MIGRATION
Helena
November 1-December 15
(Dates are approximate.)
444-4720

WINTER FAIR
Choteau
November 5, 466-5849

WAR DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
St. Ignatius
November 18-20, 883-3313

ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXHIBIT
Missoula
November 20-31, 728-3476

STORYLAND CHRISTMAS AT THE MOSS MANSION
Billings
November 21, 1994-Jan. 8, 1995
256-5100

CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS
Sidney
November 25, 482-1916

CHRISTMAS STROLL
Anaconda
November 25, 563-8006

HOLIDAY PARADE
Billings
November 25, 259-5260

PARADE OF LIGHTS
Miles City
November 25, 232-2890

CHRISTMAS KICKOFF
Shelby
November 25-26, 437-7184

CHRISTMAS CITY OF THE NORTH PARADE
Kalispell
November 26, 752-6166

December 1994

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
Shelby
December 1-31, 434-7184

SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STROLL
Havre
December 2, 265-2331

CHRISTMAS PARADE
Wolf Point
December 2, 653-2012

CHRISTMAS STROLL
Billings
December 2, 259-5260
Butte
December 2, 723-5042
Harlowton
December 2, 632-5523
Lewistown
December 2, 538-5436
Red Lodge
December 2, 446-1718

CONRAD CHRISTMAS STROLL
Conrad
December 2-3, 278-5343

WAYNE MUMFORD

STEVENSVILLE CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR
Stevensville
December 2-4, 363-2400

CHRISTMAS STROLL
Bozeman
December 3, 586-4008

CRAZY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS STROLL
Big Timber
December 3, 932-5131

HERITAGE HOME TOURS
Billings
December 3, 256-5100

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FAIR
Livingston
December 3, 222-8677

CHRISTMAS AT THE DALY MANSION
Hamilton
December 3-4, 363-6004

CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER
Laurel
December 4, 628-4508 or
628-7582

ETHNIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Sidney
December 4, 482-3500

CHRISTMAS STROLL
Whitefish
December 9, 862-9199

CHRISTMAS STROLL
Miles City
December 9, 232-2890

MONTANA PRO RODEO CIRCUIT FINALS
Great Falls
December 12-15, 727-8115

January 1995

NORTHERN RODEO ASSOCIATION FINALS
Billings
January 3-5, 252-1122

February 1995

FROST FEVER/WINTERFEST
Missoula
February 4-12, 721-PARK

WINTERNATIONAL VIII SPORTS FESTIVAL
Butte
February 4-6, 494-5595 or
800-735-6814

RACE TO THE SKY DOG SLED RACE
Helena
February 11, 442-4008 or
442-2335

NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN WINTER GAMES
Red Lodge
February 23-26, 446-2610

March 1995

WINTER CARNIVAL
Red Lodge
March 3-4, 446-1718

THE YELLOWSTONE RENDEZVOUS SKI RACE
West Yellowstone
March 11, 646-9379

SKI JOURING
Red Lodge
March 11-12, 445-2261

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS
Butte
March 13-17, 723-5042

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Great Falls
March 15-18, 761-6452

WORLD SNOWMOBILE EXPO
West Yellowstone
March 17-19, 646-7701

INDIAN POWWOW
Bozeman
March 31-April 1, 994-3881

April 1995

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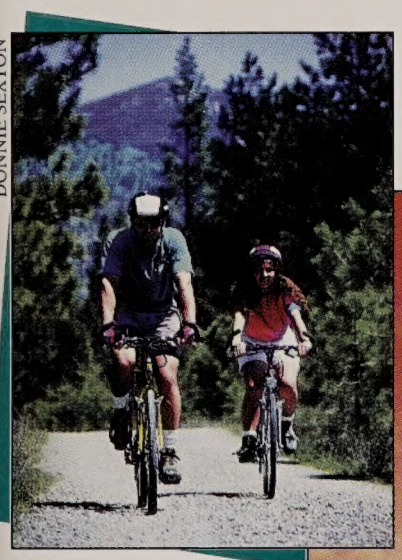

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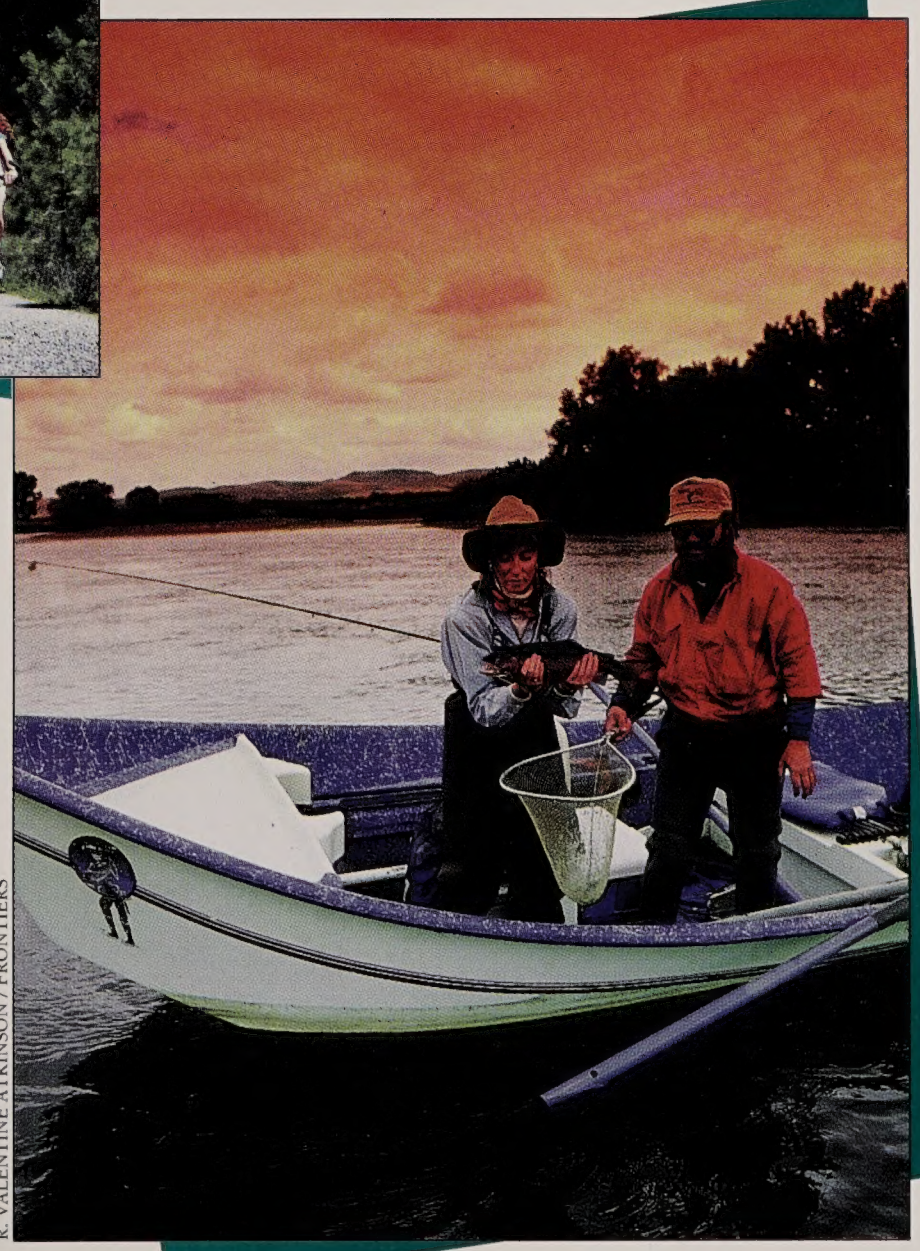

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